From: Glorianne Katz
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 5:54:45 PM

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Noone wants this train. No one needs this train. How many people do you think want to take a train from Miami to Orlando Airport. Then what, you rent a car to get around Orlando, or why would anyone want to take a train from Miami to catch a plane in Orlando? The right thing was NOT done, accepting the public, private bullet train the Federal govt put together with private business. Scott's Chief of Staff for one, wanted no part of it. Of course not, his friends are getting $$$ for AAF! 20,000 jobs lost to build the super train. Money that went to other states! Rick Scott has not had an idea or passed a thing that doesn't put $$$ in his pocket. STOP THIS FARCE OF A TRAIN!!!! STOP SCOTT! He doesn't care who must suffer for him to make some$$$.

From: Joy Katz
To: john.winkle@dot.gov; AAF_Comments@vhb.com; CongressmanPatrick.Murphy@mail.house.gov; Bill@billnelson.senate.gov; Greg_Langowski@rubio.senate.gov
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Monday, October 27, 2014 11:05:25 AM

This must be stopped. Scott is doing this for the $$$. It's already a proven fact that his staff member has a vested interest in it, that being the reason he had Crook Scott refuse the Federal money to build a bullet train from Tampa to Orlando to Miami. This train makes no sense at all! Who needs a train that goes from Miami to Orlando Airport? Taking at least 3 hours to get there. I can drive it faster and probably cheaper and I don't have to go to the airport and rent a car if my reason for taking this absurd train is anything other than to get on a flight leaving Orlando! I really don't know anyone that would leave on a flight from Orlando that lives in Miami. Stop this monstrousity!!!! Before it's too late!!!!! I'm sure everyone that votes for Crook Scott will be in favor of anything he does. Ignorance at its best!

From:	sevon Baker
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Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Tuesday, November 4, 2014 9:28:15 PM

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number one reason we shouldn't have the train come through Vero Beach Florida it's because of it runs right by some schools so the noise will affect the children's learning number 2 because of the pollution it will create and number 3 because it benefits us not at all....

From: James E Duffy
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 4:17:29 PM

My Name: James E Duffy

My Email: whynotjim@comcast.net

My Address:

55 Links Road
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455

Believe me if I have to cross a railroad track being used by a train going 100 miles per hour I'm not going to depend upon a signals working. I'm going to stop or at least slow down and look both ways before crossing and I will not be alone. These delays plus those created while the gates are down will make thousands of constituents angry day in and day out year in and year out. They will see to it that their congressional representatives lose their jobs if The Train goes through irrespective of any reasons the representative can muster for why he/she couldn't prevent it. There will be no allowance for excuses.

From: Anthony Richard Carilli
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 7, 2014 10:22:17 AM

My Name: Anthony Richard Carilli

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19315 N. Riverside Drive, Jupiter, Florida, 33469

My son Andrew and his friend 20 houses down the road, on Riverside Drive, both homes directly on the loxahatchee, both brought out there Jet skis this past June. Both experienced drivers, his friend accidentally slammed into my sons Jet ski Goin approx 55 mph, hitting his back quarter panel and ejecting her into the water! Andrew then noticed she was face down in the water, not moving, he thought quickly and swam to her and turned her over and got her to shore with help from another canoe rider, who also called the coast guard. She laid unconscious, until emergency coast guard boat arrived & then trama hawked to hospital & put on coma life support till revival 3 days later. All this emergency & revival would not have happened & a dead 17 y.o. Girl from a minor jet ski accident would have been the outcome if that trains bridge was down & emergency boat could not have reached her on other side of that low bridge in Jupiter!

From: raymond haines
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 7, 2014 10:22:37 AM

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palm city fl 34990

why have we not heard of the feasability of having the trains run on tracks west of the proposed route ?

From: Vera Balsam
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 7, 2014 10:22:49 AM

My Name: Vera Balsam

My Email: balsamvera@gmail.com

My Address:

1204 Boston Avenue,
Fort Pierce, Fl 34950

To put this train in St.Lucie County would be horrible, we have enough now that it slows traffic, stops traffic, we already have so many businesses that have closed or barely hanging in there and no one would be able to get to our Historic Downtown therefore even more food off of people's plates. I say no to the train!!

From:	S. D. Silberg
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Friday, November 7, 2014 10:23:00 AM

My Name: S. D. Silberg

My Email: sdsilberg@yahoo.com

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42 Vista Gardens Trail
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Vero Beach
FL 32962

We live close to where these trains will run. We use the road that will be affected by the train crossing regularly. Its a level crossing at a busy intersection.
We are terrified that there will be terrible accidents at this crossing and that people will be killed - and it might be us.
As it is we hear the few trains that cross nearby to us. it is currently a gentle sound that has become background noise to our lives. We detest the idea of numerous high speed trains rushing by casing vibration, noise, pollution and danger it is going to have a negative impact on our lives and we are dreading it.
We hoped for a peaceful existence in Vero Beach but now this! We cant understand why these monster trains must rattle through communities -and we don't even get to benefit from it - just noise, pollution, vibrations and potential accidents.
This project as planned is a disgrace. I am not against high speed rail and I am all for mass transport but this is an outrage and the people being affected are being ignored. Shame on you!
Sincerely
S. D. Silberg

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From: George ADAMS
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 7, 2014 10:36:35 AM

My Name: George ADAMS

My Email: george@czadams.com

My Address:

8226 Se Golfhouse Drive

The train makes no sense north of West Palm - what modern rails road rams thru towns with AT GRADE crossings! Deny the RIFF loan and Private Activity Bonds!

Sincerely
George Adams

From: christine adams
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 7, 2014 10:42:55 AM

My Name: christine adams

My Email: c@cdg1.net

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8226 SE golf house drive hobe sound fl 33455

Deny the AAF RIFF loan - this is crazy to run HSR on old tracks with AT GRADE crossings - move the tracks west and plan the rail road properly!

From:	Bill Escue
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Tuesday, November 11, 2014 3:54:17 PM

My Name: Bill Escue

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Stuart, FL 34996

772-286-5376

Hello,

Real simply, AAF will destroy the Treasure Coast. Imagine in excess of 50 trains per day (passenger and freight) passing through this area. Just last week, I was held up at the intersection of Monterey Road and Dixie highway for 28 minutes....for 1 train!!

AAF has consistently stretched the truth. It is simply a real estate venture in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach to develop property that Fortress owns. Here is a key question to think about.....why should Fortress get a loan to build of all things, an 80 story building in Miami? What has that got to do with transportation?

Send the train through rural areas west of the Treasure Coast. This makes the most sense and is the safest option. This whole project is a mistake waiting to happen. The ridership will not materialize as projected and a couple years later there will be no running trains but real estate making money for Fortress. Many of the folks that AAF claims will be riders will rent cars.

Please look at this very closely. This project is not in the best interest of the citizens or the state. It is a boondoggle that needs shut down by not allowing it to happen. Let's have the government work for the people, not a disreputable business that continues to provide false and misleading info and even sued the state to prevent the release of very basic information!!

Thanks,

Bill Escue

From:	Doris and Justin White
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Monday, November 17, 2014 6:50:01 PM

My Name: Doris and Justin White

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3712 Outrigger Dr., Fort Pierce, Florida 34946

There are no positive benefits from the All aboard railroad to the Treasure Coast as it will destroy the peace and quiet in our beautiful river front communities and make it unsafe for the residents. It will negatively affect the businesses in the areas east of the Dixie Highway and U.S. 1. It will also hinder traffic, emergency vehicles and bridges and boat traffic. I am a realtor and am already seeing signs that the train will seriously affect sales of prime properties due to the proposed railroad.

Please stop this ridiculous proposal.

Doris L. White and Justin A White
3712 Outrigger Drive
Fort Pierce, Florida 34946

From:	Ed Preman
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Tuesday, November 18, 2014 2:03:18 PM

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Hobe Sound, FL 33455

From the coastal neighborhoods of Hobe Sound to Stuart is only 8 or 9 miles, but taking the "obvious" DixieHwy route criss-crosses the FEC tracks several times. Going north into Jensen adds a few more as well as including several bridges. If the luck of the draw is not with us, the daily 10 mile venture north can sometimes take 30 - 40 minutes with a bridge opening and stoppage for a train. Add 32 trains a day and that 10 miles could take 60 minutes. And, our PUD's western boundary is the FEC tracks. Residents who invested $400K - $500K for their dream home are already upset about the 12 - 15 trains every 24/7. Add 32 trans a day and they'll try to sell and lose $$, property values will tank, and /or residents who stay will become unhappy. Tell me where Martin County benefits from this fiasco???

From:	Colleen Clair
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, November 19, 2014 8:07:35 AM

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Stuart, FL 34997

I grew up in the small town of Stuart, which has grown considerably. Traffic already comes to a complete gridlock often enough with the freight trains and this will make my town a place MUCH less desirable. GO WEST with it, fools!

From: Rodney Day
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 9:59:12 AM

My Name: Rodney Day

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My Address:

5958 SE Mourning Dove Way
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Please play hardball with the FRA and the Florida East Coast Railroad on FEC's proposal to add a ridiculous number of freight and passenger trains to its right-of-way between Miami and Orlando. The proposal makes absolutely no sense. The data cited in the DEIS is seriously flawed, from ridership estimates, to disruption of marine commerce and recreation, to the environmental impact on parks and communities through which the tracks pass. Please visit any one of the dozens of towns along the line, stand at any number of crossings, and visualize what a "high speed" train will do to the life of that town, not to mention what more frequent and much longer freight trains will do.

There is an existing CSX right-of-way a few miles west of the FEC line which should be considered. It would create minimal intrusion into the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who live and work in this part of South Florida. The thought of letting the FEC proceed with its brutal proposal is indefensible at best, incorrigible in fact. Please stop this travesty in the making.

Thank you.

From:	Deborah Lundmark
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, November 19, 2014 7:53:50 PM

My Name: Deborah Lundmark

My Email: vbmathmom@hotmail.com

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3360 57th Ave
Vero Beach Fl 32966

I firmly believe that All Aboard Florida is going to be extremely detrimental to Florida's east coast. There is already passenger train service through Amtrak between Miami and Orlando. It is so under utilized that many people do not know of its existence. I think All Aboard will run passenger service at a loss for a short period of time before converting to more long, slow freight trains noisily bisecting our towns with the new double tracks. The timing is perfect for the newly widened Panama Canal and the additional freight that will need to be moved as a result.

Our residents will see their property values drop, tourists heading elsewhere due to the noise and delays, and emergency vehicles blocked by trains when every minute counts.

I understand that businesses need to make a profit, but this should not be at the expense of our towns, our homes, and our health. They can use land belonging to CSX. Let them run their freight and/ passenger trains without destroying our towns. There are other, better options. They should be utilized.

From:	Mr & Mrs William Fitzpatrick
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Friday, November 21, 2014 4:50:20 PM

My Name: Mr & Mrs William Fitzpatrick

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My Address:

1589 SW Sea Holly Way
Palm City, Fl. 34990

Florida Not All Aboard

This should be front page news with all that is being done for the preparation of the supertankers coming through the expanded Panama Canal.
The said rail tracks will be not be used for passengers without losing money. What then freight traffic, this was wanted all along!
We need to hold our elected officials accountable!
Grants ! This is Taxpayers Money not to be repaid!
• $1 Billion for Ports to be upgraded
• $112Million grant for new equipment
• $215 Million grant for new train station for Orlando Airport
• $10 Million grant for Quiet Zones
• $90 Million grant for next year
Every day 7am thru 11pm a total of 52 times per day for passenger and freight trains will pass!
Major impact on coastal economy.
All coastal towns are reliant on easy access to beaches, waterways and waterfront parks. Every route has to cross railroad tracks!
The charm of our small downtown areas with shops and restaurants will be affected.
Martin Memorial Hospital.
Doctors' offices and labs affiliated with Martin Memorial will be affected. Every route has to cross railroad tracks!
National Waterway
Connecting West Coast to the East coast of Florida. Only one way to reach the ocean is through the St. Lucie River
Our Indian River Lagoon is known as a National Treasure.
Imagine an accident on our antiquated railroad bridge on the Saint Lucie River. Has anyone walked the track along the bridge? It is an accident waiting to happen! Has anyone looked into statistics across the country of train accidents and spillages that effect our environment ?
What of our Safety?
How can FAA have that much power to affect so many people? Our government and Elected Officials need to put the constituents first.
There are alternatives with less impact.
Go West with existing CSX tracks!
Lay tracks beside Florida Turnpike!

Respectfully
Willam & Carol Fitzpatrick
1589 SW Sea Holly Way
Palm City, Fl. 34990

From: Herb Lozott
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 21, 2014 8:01:33 PM

My Name: Herb Lozott

My Email: conchchowder@att.net

My Address:

522 Evergreen Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403

Another fiasco in the making. We are stopped from getting from one side of town to the other too many times, and for too long of a period as it is. Now insult will be added to injury if this joke of an idea comes to pass. It's an expensive, bad idea. It is doomed to failure. It will cost the tax payers far more than it will ever return. Only special interests will be cashing in, and that will only be on the construction. A little like publicly funded Baseball fields that are nothing more than publicly funded boondoggles.

From: Naomi Ruehlman
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 21, 2014 9:03:28 PM

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2226 NW Padova St.
Port St. Lucie, FL. 34986

There are obviously a number of unanswered questions and valid concerns regarding this ill thought-out project that will only service the needs of the very few statewide while inconveniencing a very large portion of the voting population.

This high speed system will tear through Saint Lucie county, ignoring Port Saint Lucie, which according to the latest Census, is the 9th largest city in Florida. All we will get from this proposed "high speed rail" is more traffic delays and noise!

For these reasons alone, this project should NOT move forward. I just wish to close this letter by saying that a large population inconvenienced by this proposed route will remember this at election time!

From: glen blair
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Saturday, November 22, 2014 11:17:06 AM

My Name: glen blair

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My Address:

58 woodland dr vero beach FL 32962

As FAA is now claiming private ownership of rail corridor...and therefore that they can do as they please with it...I have several suggestions: 1) That "being" the case they should be billed for all back tax abatements plus penalties and interest . 2) Also each town should now impose a tax assessment on every foot of rail linage ...this $ amount to be decided later and to be kept secret...using fabricated determinates (starting at an estimated $1000/foot). 3)There should also be a per person ridership surcharge...with a starting floor of 3.5 million riders; based on FAA's own estimates - and which would be a minimum - even if they only realize the same virtually non existent current ridership. 4)There should be no taxpayer backed loan guarantees for a private enterprise.

From:	Forrest Kleiser Saleh
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Saturday, November 22, 2014 1:49:27 PM

My Name: Forrest Kleiser Saleh

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My Address:

13280 164 Ct. N.
Jupiter, Fl. 33478

I don't have a problem with a railway going from Miami to Orlando. However, there needs to be new tracks made and it should go West of town (via P&W) and veer toward Orlando. To go through the major towns up the East coast would be more costly then laying newer tracks. For example, the railroad bridge in Jupiter would have to be completely rebuilt. It s been there since the 50's when my family moved there. There needs to be access for emergency vehicles. People lose time now due to the draw bridges having specific times in the weekday and anytime on weekends plus the freight trains that already take up enough time. I can't imagine how a town like Jupiter with another train going through would function economically. I'm sure other towns up the East coast would have similar problems. I think it would be less expensive to make the new rails in rural, undeveloped areas on flat surfaces without having to rebuild or demolish buildings in the pathway toward Orlando.

From:	Kathleen warren
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, November 12, 2014 8:49:09 PM

My Name: Kathleen warren

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My Address:

6662 Picante Circle
Fort Pierce , fl.

We see no befit to have aaf running through our area. We can see the great damage it will cause to the environment . There is zero benefit to our area. Many of our main streets cross these tracks and would cause a major traffic jam. Aaf would also prevent medical help from saving a life.
We are against it.

From: tom gill
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Friday, November 14, 2014 11:35:02 AM

My Name: tom gill

My Email: gatorkiter@gmail.com

My Address:

3866 hield rd
palm bay, fl

We all know that this is going to turn into another Amtrack, who needed and got $350 million from the feds for operating in the red last year year. They are in the red every year.

From: george pronovost
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2014 12:17:16 PM

My Name: george pronovost

My Email: pgeorgepro1@aol.com

My Address:

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trains will save fuel moving people, no. what about all the cars and boats that are idling at all the crossings and the boats waiting at draw bridges wasting fuel.

From:	Chris Brennan
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Saturday, November 15, 2014 12:52:40 PM

My Name: Chris Brennan

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My Address:

5472 NE 3 AVE
Oakland Park FL
33334

All aboard Florida has finite funding. When that funding runs out, it will fall on the tax payers. The passenger numbers they claim the trains will carry are ubsurd. This project will never be self funding. Stop this project before it's too late to turn back.

From: Julie Creswell
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2014 4:47:02 PM

My Name: Julie Creswell

My Email: xmasgirl2003@gmail.com

My Address:

412 Northlake Drive
North Palm Beach, Fl 33408

I live close enough to the tracks here in North Palm Beach, and can hear two trains whistles blowing at around 11:30 and 12 midnight. I don't want to hear any more than we already do! Not to mention all of the clogging up of vehicular traffic (especially during season). I have personally seen people killed by trains. Not particularly safe. How much am I (a middle class citizen) going to pay for a round trip ticket for my whole family to go to Disney on this train, when we can all jump into my 7 passenger van and be there in 3 hours, plus have a car while there? Are the less fortunate going to pay for a ticket? I think not. The rich can fly, boat, or take a luxury vehicle up. It makes no sense to me as to who is going to ride this thing!

Thankyou for listening, and really paying attention to what people are saying instead of steamrolling ahead.

Julie Creswell

From: walt pribble
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Monday, November 17, 2014 11:18:10 AM

My Name: walt pribble

My Email: wlpribble@aol.com

My Address:

1755 sw monarch club Dr
Palm City, Fl 34990

Safety, safety, safety!

From: Werner A. Palmer
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Monday, November 17, 2014 2:12:36 PM

My Name: Werner A. Palmer

My Email: wopalmer@aol.com

My Address:

709 Navaho St.
Jupiter, Fl 33458

This has been touted as a job producing and economic enhancing project. Would it not make more sense to use the existing CSX rail system. This system runs through the center of the state and is also used by Amtrack. The rails exist to take this train from West Palm Beach to Orlando and the center of the state could use the economic and work enhancement. This route can be seen on a map issued by the state of Florida under the Florida Rail Network.

From:	Henry Howell
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Monday, November 17, 2014 4:02:37 PM

My Name: Henry Howell

My Email: hwhowell@att.net

My Address:

6711 SE Mourning Dove Way
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Dear Representative,
All Aboard Florida is a very disturbing project on many, many levels. I will touch on only a few in this letter.

1. Home value. Already the homes of us who live in the eastern coastal area of Martin County are seeing the value of our homes decline. A number of our neighbors are considering putting their homes on the market. I know that I as well as others in our area will ask for a revaluation of our homes for tax purposes if this project goes through.
2. Safety. With the thirty-two passenger and an unknown number of freight trains scheduled it will be very difficult for emergency services including fire, police and health providers to get to us in any reasonable amount of time. It will be just as difficult for us to get out of our community to get to health providers when necessary.
3. Cost. The idea that the passenger side of AAF will be profitable and therefore able to repay its government guaranteed debt is ludicrous. I worked for a bank for 35 years and know that no passenger service in the entire US is capable of repaying this kind of loan. There is no question that the taxpayers will end up on the short end of the stick.
4. Location. If the government wants a rail link between Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Orlando they should upgrade the tracks of the CSX line which runs through the middle of the state. It will not bother our citizens and will be less costly to build.

I would strongly suggest a complete revaluation of this project and a denial of permission to build the second line.
Sincerely,
Henry Howell

From: Frances Schulz
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Monday, November 17, 2014 6:36:47 PM

My Name: Frances Schulz

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My Address:

555 4th st # 53 Vero Beach, FL 32962

I live in small adult Mobile Home park that borders the railroad tracks on 4th street & Us 1. My home is about 100 feet from the signal crossing and I am awakened at least twice a night with the train laying on it's horn to and through the crossing. There are signal arms at the crossing and there is no need once they reach it to keep blowing their horn through it. This is one of the few still affordable parks left for those of us trying to live on our SocSec checks, so there is no moving else where. We need a better system for the trains between 10 PM and 7 AM than currently exists. I can't imagine what life here would be like with more trains than currently use the tracks because there would be no peace or quiet here.

From: John R. Ted O"Brien
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Sunday, November 23, 2014 11:05:41 AM

My Name: John R. "Ted" O'Brien

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My Address:

1155 North Jeaga Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458

Though not as prominent an element of discussion as its effect on maritime traffic, the proposed AAF passenger train service would have a significant negative impact on the flow of automobile traffic in Jupiter and would adversely affect the safety, and day to day lives of Jupiter residents. Those who have lived in more densely populated areas have an appreciation for the negative effects of traffic congestion such as would result from the proposed AAF service.

A dramatic increase (reportedly from 12 to 46 trains per day) in train traffic is an inherent element of the proposed AAF service through Jupiter. As with any development with the potential to impact automobile traffic flow, e.g., houses, schools, shopping centers, the potential impact of the AAF service on automobile must be responsibly and effectively evaluated before the project should be seriously considered much less approved. At least with respect to the crossings in our town of Jupiter, it appears that has not been done.

Residents and visitors to the east and west of the tracks proposed for use by AAF rely heavily of the four roadways, i.e., Donald Ross Road, Toney Penna Drive, Indiantown Road and Center Street, all of which are crossed by the tracks proposed for use by AAF, for travel to and from a wide variety of destinations e.g., medical facilities, schools, shopping interstate highways, etc. During the winter season when the Jupiter population swells, delays at the crossings and traffic back-ups already occur and the turn lanes established for use by cars turning onto these roads and crossing the tracks are already at capacity.

The introduction of additional traffic delays associated with the proposed increase in train traffic proposed by AAF will cause the number of cars waiting to cross the tracks to swell beyond the capacity of the turn lanes and extend onto the travel lanes of busy highways, i.e., AIA/811 and Military Trail, from which they are turning thereby creating a dangerous situation for drivers and for their passengers. The planned increases in population to in the areas to the west will increase the already heavy demand for the use of the roadways.

The unavoidable introduction of automobile traffic delays resulting from the proposed AAF project will cause substantial inconvenience, economic harm and will pose danger to Jupiter and its residents. The proposed service is of no benefit to Jupiter residents: all reasonable efforts should be made to stop it.

From: Stanley Huddleston
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Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 6:46:10 PM

My Name: Stanley Huddleston

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My Address:

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I am totally against All Aboard Fla. Trains and don't understand how the goverment could allow something
of this magnitiude to possably take place with out letting the citizens to vote on it.As a boater that uses local waterways that requires passing thru / under bridges that will be closed more than they will be open!
I also live a few blocks from our local hospital to which access from the north,most of the south and all of the west will be blocked by 4 rail road crossings.you can currently speed from 10-23 minutes just to get across. Multiply this by all the current trains plus the 32 new trains will lead to deaths not to mention the loss of property values for many of our nicer neighborhoods that are close to the train tracks. Neither me or any of my friends can understand why the train doesn't switch to the Amtracts west of towns along the S.E. Fla. Coast.

From:	Robert Puglisi
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Thursday, November 27, 2014 10:01:05 PM

My Name: Robert Puglisi

My Email: bpuglisi511@yahoo.com

My Address:

1001 Turtle Run Dr.
Apt. 106
Sebastian, Fl. 32958

The plan as put forth by All Aboard Florida is so destructive of the Treasure Coast communities thru which it will pass that I can't comprehend just how stupid and evil these people are. AAF belongs in the garbage.
Bob Puglisi

From: Chris
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 6:43:12 AM

My Name: Chris

My Email: bensonian1002@yahoo.com

My Address:

481 Francesca ridge road, boynton beach florida, 33435

this increase in rail traffic will slow down the ability of first responders, increase the need for first responders due to traffic and pedestrian related accidents, and lower property values of residences living along the railroad.

This cannot be allowed to push through

From:	Elllen Di Meglio
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:36:06 AM

My Name: Elllen Di Meglio

My Email: efdm0201@yahoo.com

My Address:

592 Metalmark Way
Sebastian, Fl. 32958

This train is of no benefit to the locals in the treasure coast area. Alll we are going to get here is the inconvenience of the train going through our towns and the noise. Not to mention the increased danger at the crossings. As usual it's another brainless idea of big business. We are against this train!

From:	michael and lauren Stango
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:47:12 AM

My Name: michael and lauren Stango

My Email: traderms@comcast.net

My Address:

18254 Perigon Way, Jupiter, FL 33458

John Winkle and Coast Guard District 7,
My name is Michael Stango and I live at 18254 Perigon Way, Jupiter, FL. 33458. Which is located west of the train bridge on the Loxahatchee River. I am an avid boater and fisherman. I own a 34' Pursuit Drummond Sport Fisherman, which is powered by twin Yamaha 350's.
Unfortunately, I could not attend the meeting held at the Jupiter Community Center.
I am personally appalled when I read the small window used in January to evaluate our boat traffic. I have lived on the river since 2008 and boat throughout the year. My limited access time to get in and out of the river is concerning for many reasons, which I am sure was expressed by many residents. My main concern is safety. The Loxahatchee is aligned directly behind the inlet, which causes significantly strong currents. I don't know if we have a camera located on the train bridge or on the AIA bridge. If not, I would ask for consideration to mount one or two for a period of time that would allow for an accurate count of boat traffic. More importantly, focusing on the summer, spring months and especially Holiday weekends.
Living directly across from the sand bar, I can confirm 50 to 75 boats a day are beached frequently. To use a short window in January is unacceptable.
My safety concerns have been an issue since I moved on the river. During the warmer months, especially in the summer the boat back up at the train bridge is horrific. In the summer months the majority of boaters are teenagers or in their early twenty's. Ninety five percent of them have never taken a Coast Guard class or are aware that a boat with the "current" has the right of way! When that bridge opens it's like the start of the Indy 500. Vessels like mine with significant weight in the back, will have their stern slide out with the current. I have had many close collisions over the years. Specifically, when an approaching boat will "not" give me the right of way. Leaving me no alternative but to increase my speed causing a large wake in a very narrow opening. I have witnessed, boats brushing up against one another, objects being thrown at boats and verbal exchanges that may have lead to physical confrontation.
We are all blessed with what mother nature has given us. A for profit train should not jeopardize our freedoms and safety!

Sincerely,
Michael Stango
18254 Perigon Way, Jupiter, FL. 33458

561-827-5787

From:	Karl Richardson
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 10:19:57 AM

My Name: Karl Richardson

My Email: kritr4@bellsouth.net

My Address:

7997 SE VIlla
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

As a taxpaying voter, I urge you to stop these trains from running through our community. Our peaceful way-of-life, our non-congested roadways and our waterway bridges right-of-way will be violated by a greedy company. These things have happened before in America and always take years to correct. Please STOP the All Aboard Florida project before it happens. This issue will not go away for the citizens of the Treasure Coast.

From:	Jacqueline Eubanks
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 3:31:17 PM

My Name: Jacqueline Eubanks

My Email: grandtier@bellsouth.net

My Address:

4593 SE Waterford Drive, Stuart FL 34997

This projected train service will be profoundly disruptive to all of Martin County, and especially Stuart. This project must stopped NOW!! The impacts will be many and economically disruptive, virtually turning Stuart into two isolated cities.

From:	Robert Puglisi
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 3:24:32 PM

My Name: Robert Puglisi

My Email: bpuglisi511@yahoo.com

My Address:

1001 Turtle Run Dr.
Apt.106
Sebastian, Fl. 32958

It boggles the mind that you people are so imperious to think you can destroy our communities without us fighting back. You will not build your high speed train here. We will not allow it.

From:	Beverly Stewart
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 3:53:57 PM

My Name: Beverly Stewart

My Email: beverly.stewart407@gmail.com

My Address:

909 S. Lakeside Place
Lantana, Fl 33462

The effect of adding additional trains will greatly change the quality of life for all residents that live both east and west of the train tracks. Additional routes will increase congestion and with the cars stopped air pollution will increase.

Right now there is not a need for additional routes from Miami to Orlando. Amtrak has sufficient routes and they are not operating to capacity. This idea is just to prosper big business and is not for the residents of Florida. Stop it now.

From:	Marge Ketter
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 5:05:34 PM

My Name: Marge Ketter

My Email: margeketter@belllsouth.net

My Address:

7088 SE Rivers Edge St
Jupiter FL 33458

I don't have to repeat all of the negative things the proposed train project will be foisted on residents of the Treasure Coast, and believe that since counties to the south of it think it's a wonderful project and a boon to their areas, let them have it and be hoist in their own petard. Then insist the tracks run out to the Beelline Hwy from West Palm Beach to run alonside the CSX tracks or work out a deal with CSX to use their track where FEC doesn't double track.

No one believes this charade is about a needed passenger service to Disney World, we all know it's about frieight. Stuart has spent thousands of dollars and years to make the old downtown area of Flagler, Osceola, and E Ocean, which area will turn into a railroad yard while freight trains stack up blocking crossings back for miles and making Confusion Corner even more confusing. The attractive commercial area on the river will no longer draw tourists and will be a disaster for small businesses. Every small town along this route will be impacted and it's a matter of the loss of business and threat to the health, welfare and safety of all peoples in the area. All for the greed of FEC companies.

We've had to tolerate what train traffic there has been for years but we knew it was there and it was tolerable. As residents and taxpayers we don't deserve this nor do we deserve to have to pick up the pieces of the passenger service and have another government train losing money.

STOP THIS TRAIN BEFORE WE ALL GET HURT IN MANY WAYS.

Marge Ketter

From: Patricia R Donaldson
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 5:28:27 PM

My Name: Patricia R Donaldson

My Email: pdonal5436@belolsouth.net

My Address:

3200 North A-1-A
#1104
Fort Pierce, Florida 34949

I have lived in Florida all my life and am not against high speed trains in Florida . I have traveled on them and think they are a solution to many transportation problems. However, AAF, as planned, would be a disaster for the Treasure Coast as it would have a negative impact on the environment, the economy, and the quality of life. I live on North Hutchinson Island and must cross the railroad track for work, shopping, and errands. I would be at an extreme disadvantage in the event of an emergency. The tracks should be west and not through the center of towns on the Treasure Coast where the trains will disrupt every aspect of our lives on a continuous, daily basis.

From:	Marilyn Waugh-Stinnette
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 6:30:35 PM

My Name: Marilyn Waugh-Stinnette

My Email: marilynwaughstinnette@comcast.net

My Address:

10303 S. Indian River Dr.
Ft. Pierce, Fl. 34982

Dear Sir;

Please know that as a citizen and full-time resident of St. Lucie County, Florida I am in total opposition to the All Aboard Florida Rail expansion project as it now stands. I have based my opinion on several factors, including the lack of consideration given in the EIS on the impact on the Treasure Coast of Florida. Some, but not all of the reasons most important to me, I will relate in this email. If allowed to proceed, this project would bring about nothing other than degradation to numerous natural areas along its route, such as the Savannas State Park, North Sebastian Conservation Area and Jonathan Dickenson State Park, as well as their resident species. In fact, the Draft EIS altogether fails to adequately assess impacts to these areas. These precious Florida natural habitats must be protected.

I call on you to also consider the human communities along our treasured "Treasure Coast". From Brevard through Martin Counties there are historic neighborhoods and downtown areas, including my own lovely town of Ft. Pierce, where the quality and very flow of daily life would be interrupted and perhaps even destroyed by an added 32 trains cutting through them in less than 24 hours each day. These communities rely on tourism to sustain economic health.These aren't the tourists that are looking for a fast ride from Miami to Disney World and the theme parks. Rather, the visitors who frequent our communities come looking for a different kind of, and more authentic Florida experience. Our marine industry is heavily reliant on those who come here for sport fishing, sailing and other means of enjoying our rivers, bays and the ocean. I know you will receive many comments on how impeded boat traffic on our waterways would be devastating to our communities.

The interrupted flow of street traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular would be inconvenient at best and life-threatening at worst. For example, in our downtown Ft. Pierce, we have a multi-level parking garage just west of the train tracks and restaurants, shops, galleries, offices, courthouse, waterfront and a performing arts theater just on the east side. Visitors, employees, etc. park and then take the short walk to their destinations, which includes walking across the tracks. I believe that the increased train traffic would be both dangerous and discouraging to potential visitors to downtown businesses. This is only one of several such downtown districts along the Treasure Coast that would be negatively impacted.

One does not need to possess a business degree to doubt the profitability of this endeavor as put forth by All Aboard Florida. It is destined to financial failure, therefore, it makes no sense to allow a doomed project to negatively impact and devastate our beloved environment and communities.

A recommendation to All Aboard Florida would be to develop expanded passenger rail service to the west of our coastal communities where impacts can be more appropriately mitigated and where this project could be an asset to our community and not a burdensome liability.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Waugh-Stinnette
10303 S. Indian River Dr.
Ft. Pierce, Fl. 34982

From: France"s R. Hohenstein
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 6:52:22 PM

My Name: France's R. Hohenstein

My Email: tobygeo@gmail.com

My Address:

1950 Palm City Rd, Stuart, Fl, 34994

We moved here because of the delightful ambience of the area--beautiful downtown, ease of getting there, good medical facilities whith easy access. AAF will kill all that, and we will leave if this goes through. It is a boondoggle of the worst kind and we beg you to make sure this plan does not go through. The tracks to the west are there. Yes, they will have to pay to use them, but compared to the cost in dollars and cost in impact on lives here, the tracks to the west are a sensible alternative. Frankly, passenger trains are not going to generate enough revenue to offset the initial expenses anyway, so it's a safe bet the whole idea is for increased freight. Please think carefully about your decision on this. Thank you, Frances Hohenstein

From:	Geraldine Knam
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 8:35:41 PM

My Name: Geraldine Knam

My Email: gerryk@bellsouth.net

My Address:

7547 SE Bay Cedar Circle, Hobe Sound, FL 33455

PLAIN and SIMPLE... We in Martin County and Florida ..DON'T WANT THE ALL ABOARD TRAIN !!!!
Why c an't you understand that ???

From: William E Quinn II
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 8:35:30 AM

My Name: William E Quinn II

My Email: weq2@aol.com

My Address:

596 Scrubjay Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458

Dear Mr Winkle:

Please accept this correspondence as comments and questions about the AAF DEIS for consideration by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. The Town's comments are organized by the Environmental Effects identified in the DEIS.

Land Use:

It is my understanding, much of the FEC right of way through Jupiter was established through an easement dedicated by the United States of America by act of Congress on March 3, 1875. Limited lands used by FEC were acquired through fee simple deeds. Further investigations into the ownership of the FEC rail corridor through Jupiter has determined that a portion of the property may not fall under sole ownership of FEC and/or FEC is not a fee simple controlling party to title of the railroad right of way.

Perhaps more importantly, the entire rail corridor has been dedicated to the use of the public. For over a century, the FEC has used this dedication to the public to its advantage through tax exemptions and the ability to secure public funding for improvements and maintenance in the corridor.

In consideration of All Aboard Florida, it is reported that the rail corridor is "privately held" and under the complete control and jurisdiction of the railroad company. As such, FEC and AAF purport that state or local governments have no grounds to approve or deny the project as the advocate for the "public". Even though some of the lands may have originally been held in private hands, the "public" designation assigned to some of the property may have modified the original private land rights in some measure to consider the "public's interest" in how the right of way is used.

Given these observations, I believe the residents like myself would like clarification on ownership issues within the corridor to support the position that AAF/FEC has the ability to 1) expand capacity within the ROW without any public input and 2) charge local units of government lease payments for use of public crossings and necessary improvements to railroad crossings.

TRANSPORTATION

Although the DEIS focused on passenger rail, the assumptions in the analysis include a growth in freight that need to be considered given the combined impacts on transportation.

Baseline Data for Freight: The DEIS discusses expected increased freight train trips using 2013 as a baseline. This section should be updated to cite 2014 figures and projections for 2015 and beyond. The section also states that a doubling of the number of expected freight trains along the line is expected within two years. The basis for this anticipated doubling should be provided.

Per the DEIS, there is a 30% increase in average freight train speeds in the No-Action Alternative over the average currently being experienced. An explanation of this increase is important to ensure that there is a clear understanding of the basis for the assumed change in speed.

The information requested above will provide more certainty regarding the baseline impacts of increased freight without the proposed passenger rail service.

ASSUMED TRAIN SPEEDS AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

The methodology for analyzing traffic impacts confirms that the AADT for only the two largest arterials have been included for each county. Using only two roads per county (10 total, or 6% of the total number of crossings) provides an incorrect calculation of the total average daily volume being impacted by the proposed project. The transportation study needs to be vastly expanded to study the impact on all major local roads with grade level crossings.

The assumed operation speed for freight trains as 54.3 mph in the DEIS is questionable, in the Town of Jupiter for the Center Street, Indiantown Road and Toney Penna Drive crossings due to the Loxahatchee River bridge and curvature of the rail. Based upon the Town's internal review of the rail system in Jupiter, a 30 mph operation speed seems to be a more appropriate assumption for freight trains. The corresponding total closure time, based upon the Town's calculations, will be extended from 2.5 minutes to almost 4 minutes, which significantly impacts the traffic on Indiantown Road. Additionally, the assumed operation speed for passenger train in the DEIS is 89.2 mph, which is an unreasonable assumption for this section of the system. Given the radius of curvature of approximately 450m, the safe train speed seems to be limited to 60 mph.

Based upon the Town's speed assumptions, the Indiantown Road/Alternate A1A intersection is projected to be over-saturated due to crossing closure – which also assumes two (2) freight trains and one or two passenger train(s) -- during the PM peak period in 2036. The vehicle queue will exceed 4,000 feet and the corresponding intersection delay will be over 200 seconds per vehicle.

The projected impacts on traffic constraints have not been adequately addressed within the DEIS. The limited number of intersections analyzed and the generalized speed of the trains that were assumed do not provide adequate data to understand the impact of projected freight and new passenger service on local traffic. Given this, the anticipated speeds in Jupiter should be analyzed to better understand the impacts of freight and passenger service on traffic in 2036. It would be beneficial to know, where on the system trains will accelerate and decelerate and the anticipated speeds would be at these locations.

Additionally, critical intersections at crossings need to be analyzed in term of traffic impact, especially for the intersections with speed constraints such as the Indiantown Road, Toney Penna Drive and Donald Ross Road crossings. Further, an assumption regarding Tri-Rail

impacts should be included as well. In response to the anticipated impacts, traffic mitigation strategies need to be proposed in the EIS report as well.

FREIGHT IMPACTS

The DEIS gave limited consideration to the relocation of freight from the FEC Corridor. For example, the DEIS states, “Negotiating shared-use agreements presents the risk...that the controlling railroad would not agree to acceptable terms for a shared use environment.” AAF should attempt to negotiate a shared-use agreement for tracks west of the proposed project before citing this as a risk and dismissing this alternative. Additionally, other inland, such as the US27 Corridor proposal, or maritime options should be explored in the study as well.

NAVIGATION

Of significant concern for the Jupiter community is the impact of the Loxahatchee Bridge operation on maritime traffic. DEIS information about existing conditions differs from what has been gathered locally. Data gathered should be consistent and reevaluated to better understand the maritime impacts.

Further, there continues to be concerns about the condition of the Loxahatchee Bridge itself. Information gathered about the structural integrity of the Loxahatchee Bridge during recent inspections needs to be made available. In addition, a specific scope of work for the reconstruction of the Loxahatchee should be better defined in the study.

NOISE AND VIBRATION

The areas of moderate noise impact seem to be underestimated. Houses in our community are located in close proximity to the corridor and identified as no-impact, yet owners currently experience moderate noise and vibration impacts from train noise and horns from existing freight operations. The noise impact zones need to be reviewed to ensure that they accurately reflect moderate and severe noise impacts along the north-south route.

Noise from wheels – maintenance not the only option. Table 7.2-2 also includes the mitigation measure “Maintain train wheels and rails to minimize vibration.” Since there is no indication that this is being done for existing freight trains, there should be a mitigation measure added by the FRA for periodic inspection and tolerances which, if exceeded, would require train wheel replacement.

WATER:

With the addition of impervious surface associated with the addition of rail within the corridor, the Town requests the identification of more definitive water pre-treatment strategies and their locations as part of the impact statement.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Grade Separation: the DEIS indicates that the East-West Corridor would be entirely grade separated at roadways. Existing roads would either be crossed using bridges or would be closed, eliminating any potential safety concerns. A similar commitment to safety does not appear to be provided in the North-South Corridor. The North-South Corridor should require the same level of safety as the East-West Corridor. AAF should be required to pay for grade separation of the major crossings when done in consultation with local communities.

Grade Crossings: The DEIS Grade Crossing Details report did not account for impacts on emergency vehicular traffic that must cross the railroad tracks to deliver services to or from Jupiter Medical Center and the neighborhoods located on the other side of the corridor. The

impact on emergency and public safety facilities should be analyzed in the study.

As a condition of proceeding with the proposed project, the FRA should require AAF to finance safety improvements associated with as well as the process required for the creation and the on-going maintenance of quiet zones requested by local communities. Further, the scope of work at each crossing, which should include Vehicle Presence Detection devices, should be detailed within the study.

Safety has to be addressed in the DEIS for pedestrians and bicyclists as well. Pedestrian gates and sidewalks should be included in the scope of work for crossing safety upgrades. Communities should be included in the evaluation of safety needs given local knowledge of pedestrian and bicycle movements.

Sealed Corridor: A sealed corridor needs to be established that minimizes visual impacts while effectively preventing informal pedestrian crossing between the established at- grade crossings. This should be done in cooperation with the impacted communities.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

The information in the DEIS pertaining to the Historic Resources within the West Palm Beach Corridor Area of Potential Effects should be updated to include the following historic sites within the Town:

Sawfish Bay Park (Florida Master Site File #8PB11388)

Milam Archaeological Midden (Florida Master Site File #8PB11546)

Neither midden directly impacts the FEC ROW. The Milam Midden is located just west of the FEC ROW on three residential properties along the north shore of the Loxahatchee River south of Riverside Drive. The other is an archaeological site at Sawfish Bay Park. As required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the West Palm Beach Corridor Area of Potential Effects completed for the DEIS was required to include known archaeological sites within 150 feet of the FEC ROW to allow for consideration of indirect impacts. Both middens are within 150 feet of the FEC ROW but were not included in the DEIS. They should simply be identified in the final report.

As a voter, taxpayer and concerned resident I am asking you to consider my comment and aforementioned issues that were identified by and discussed by the Town Council, of the Town of Jupiter,FL during their November 4, 2014 meeting. .

Sincerely,

From: Marsha Perryman
To: john.winkle@dot.gov; AAF_Comments@vhb.com; CongressmanPatrick.Murphy@mail.house.gov; Bill@billnelson.senate.gov; Greg_Langowski@rubio.senate.gov
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida High Speed Trains
Date: Sunday, September 28, 2014 11:44:49 AM

Dear Sir:

We reside in Sebastian about a mile from the train tracks. The freight trains move through our little community quite unnoticed.

I believe the whole United States needs high speed rail but not at the expense of residents having their lives disrupted and our precious ecosystem assaulted.

I am sure that there is a trail through the center of the state that won't have the profound impact on the citizens of Florida as will All Aboard Florida.

Where do you live sir? I'm sure it is no where near train tracks that will have 32 highspeed trains racing past your home at breakneck speeds.

I have been reading all the articles in the newspaper and on the Internet and the more I read the more outraged I have become.

I am a member of the Pelican Island Preservation Society, volunteer with Pelican Island Wildlife Refuge and have been an activist in regard to keeping the waters of the Indian River Lagoon safe so that the generations to follow will be able to enjoy what we have today.

Seriously, there won't be any environmental impact? The fool that put that in a report must live someplace else as well. Of course, the consultant who was hired is a mere mouthpiece for All Aboard.

Well sir, not all Floridians are "All Aboard". I hope you reconsider this disastrous scheme and vote it down.

Marsha Perryman
13570 Mystic Dr. #303
Sebastian, FL 32958

PS. My husband and I are both registered voters!

Sent from my iPad2

From: Christine Adams
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida Now
Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014 5:24:00 PM

AAF needs to be stopped because it is unlikely to ever be financially independent without being a tax-payer burden, and it is not clear that any benefits will be worthy of the burden on taxpayers.

We request that the federal Government Accountability Office review the project's costs and risks of default, as well as the interest rate that would be assessed to their $1.6 billion loan. Why should a "privately funded" project be the burden of the taxpayers. We request curtailment of the development of AAF since every bit of evidence points to the demise of the AAF project despite speculations to the contrary.

We request responsible leadership and decision making regarding tax-dependent projects, and we, the tax-payers, look forward to your accountability and response to our concerns.

AAF CLAIMS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP-OPERATION & No Federal and State Grants or Ongoing Subsidies Will or Have Been Requested.

False. FAA need this sweet deal of a loan that rides on taxpayers backs. A loan that was never intended for this type of use by the Federal government.

The state and local communities will pay for infrastructure to benefit the project, including quiet zones and an intermodal transportation hub at the Orlando International Airport. Additionally, according to PolitFact, AAF may not always be a "100 percent private venture" since it has applied for a $1.875 BILLION federal loan.

AAF estimates their HSR will cost $2.5 billion, and are asking for over half of All Aboard Florida to supported by taxpayers. We are being bribed to support an unprofitable train that does not serve the communities it passes through with our own money.

AAF REPORTS THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE FULL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY by covering costs with a mix of debt, equity and ongoing subsidies. However, even with adequate ridership, the AAF would not be financially self-sufficient based on historical comparisons with other routes. The following are a few examples:

HSR in Chicago (unprofitable) was supported by the city's transportation authority, a city whose population is two times larger than four AAF cities combined. A 40 mile trip from Chicago's loop to Olympic Fields carried passengers without any concern for delays resulting from sharing tracks with freight or any other operation. It had brand new double decker coaches, and it was regularly packed with standing room only (so it successfully maintained ridership expectations). Even then, 25 million dollars was earned, and another 25 million was needed in subsidy from the transport authority, just to break even.

HSR in China (unprofitable) is supported by the government and is currently in debt, inspite of incentives. China's HSR is considered to be extremely popular, and the government makes an effort to set fares a little less than half of comparable airfare in addition to other incentives. However, the Chinese Government is

currently struggling with nearly $500 billion in overall rail debt.

HSR in Japan is successfully maintained by other investments.
Even in Japan, one of the best countries for HSR because of its geography and population density, the trains are maintained by other investments. JR East is one of seven (and the largest) for-profit companies that own Japan's national railways and the largest by passenger numbers. The JR stays afloat because it owns all the infrastructure on the route—the stations, the rolling stock and the tracks. It also owns the land around the railways and rents it out; nearly a third of its revenue comes from shopping malls, blocks of offices, flats and the like. DESPITE all of this, "71% of the revenue from passenger tickets at JR East comes from the conventional, slower railway."

So let's not get in debt over this - Florida cannot sustain a profitable rail operation.

ALL ABOARD FLORIDA STATES THAT HSR IS A SYMBOL OF PROGRESS AROUND THE WORLD.
However, AAF would more likely be a symbol of DYSFUNCTION because Florida does not have conditions that would support its success.

Unlike in other countries, the US does not provide incentives for using HSR.

According to a government document about factors supporting HSR, "Compared to the United States, countries with HSR have higher population densities, smaller land areas, lower per capita levels of car ownership, higher gasoline prices, lower levels of car use (measured both by number of trips per day and average distance per trip), and higher levels of public transportation availability and use" .

The population of AAF's cities are too small to provide the level of ridership necessary for HSR profitability. Tokyo and Osaka have over 17 billion residents, By comparison, Orlando's population is 255 thousand and Miami's is 418 thousand.

This same government document also suggests, "Other countries with high speed rail systems support HSR use through both incentives (e.g., widespread provision of a complementary mode, public transit) and disincentives (e.g., high road tolls and high taxes on motor fuel to make automobile use more expensive). Without similar policies in place, HSR ridership in the United States may not fulfill expectations based on the experiences of other countries"

From: ninagris@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: STOP ALL ABOARD FLORIDA
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 10:06:53 AM

I am a resident of Jupiter Island, Florida, which is in Martin County on Treasure Coast. The impact of the train to our community would be a tragedy. I plead that the ALL ABOARD FLORIDA TRAIN BE STOPPED!
Nina B. Griswold
Hobe Sound, FL

From: goubeaud@aol.com
To: john.winkle@dot.gov; CongressmanPatrick.Murphy@mail.house.gov; Bill@billnelson.senate.gov; Greg_Langowski@rubio.senate.gov
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida
Date: Friday, September 26, 2014 8:53:51 AM

I live on North Hutchinson Island in Ft. Pierce. I can't get off the island during the winter season without a delay due to the draw bridge and then the freight trains. Sometimes I get both. I'll never get off the Island with 32 more trains using the same tracks. Why don't they build their own tracks west on I-95. There's plenty of room out there.
Rosemary Cunningham

Sent from my iPad

From: John Sullivan
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida
Date: Friday, November 21, 2014 11:14:31 AM

The draft Environmental impact statement for All Aboard Florida is a total misrepresentation of the realities of what will occur if the all aboard Florida proposal is implemented. The AAF proposal will cause enormous negative economic impact along the east coast of Florida.

Please count me as a citizen who opposes the plan in every respect. The draft environmental impact statement should be rejected.

Sincerely, John Sullivan
cell 772-233-0764
email jsully111@gmail.com

From: frank mccluskey
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 1:40:59 PM

It will destroy the coastal towns and tie up traffic in both land and in the waters. Please stop this. Those of us who live here in Florida will not use it and it will destroy our quality of life.

Frank McCluskey
255 3rd Ave NE
Delray Beach, Fl. 33444

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"Dr Frank" McCluskey
Author, Scholar and Gentleman Adventurer
Delray Beach, Florida.

From: Debra Sopko
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:03:17 AM

This increased train traffic will kill our downtown Stuart business and boating activity. The area is a vibrant hub for shoppers, theatre goers and boaters. ***Confusion Corner*** is an historic intersection of five roads and the railroad tracks. It has worked for years, but All Aboard Florida will bring that (and many other) traffic circles to a dead stop 32 additional times throughout the day. The economic fallout from this traffic congestion will be disastrous!

I am sure that Martin County is not the only area that will be devastated by this additional train traffic. How can something like All Aboard Florida be allowed to impact our community so negatively without a single benefit to those being affected the worst? Local residents should have some voice in a decision that could completely change the "our way of life".

Voters should be allowed to decide if All Aboard Florida is something they deem beneficial to their area, NOT the Federal Government and the Railroad companies who will profit from this system at our expense!

Debbie Sopko
Palm City, FL

From: jcable763@gmail.com
To: john.winkle@dot.gov; CongressmanPatrick.Murphy@mail.house.gov; Bill@billnelson.senate.gov; Greg_Langowski@rubio.senate.gov
Subject: Stop All Aboard Florida
Date: Friday, September 26, 2014 8:42:22 AM

I also worked for csx rr and know all about train delays signals not working and xings in trouble. Please don't let them deceive you into thinking it works well all the time.

From: sandyinthesun@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: STOP All Aboard Florida
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 11:02:12 AM

It has come to our attention that the THREE communications we have sent you have not been counted as a vote AGAINST All Aboard Florida!!!

This is being shoved down the throats of the residents of the East Coast of Florida! It wood have a massive impact on the quality of life for all the wildlife here and the humans also!

The rail tracks would cause air pollution, water pollution, create more trash along the roads,noise pollution and affect the shoreline which is eroding at a rapid pace now!

What about the sea levels at bridge crossings, flood plains and the impact on the roads?

Why have these concerns been swept under the rug?

Is this another LIE by the government? How stupid do you think we are?

John & Sandra Flockhart
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Sebastian, Florida 32958
772-388-6121

From: Tom Ciulla
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: STOP ALL ABOARD FLORIDA
Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 5:59:28 PM

I live one block away from FEC tracks. The noise, disruption of traffic, and danger from accidents will be greatly increased with the All Aboard Florida proposal. I see no benefit for Florida residents. I only see and insurmountable threat to the environment and Florida lifestyle, which is difficult enough with the existing train traffic. I am adamantly opposed to All Aboard Florida and will do all I can to prevent this project from being implemented. Mr Ciulla.

From: Barbara Piotrowski
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: stop All Aboard Florida
Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 5:35:25 PM

Please think of us, the people who really live here. The developers will be gone with our money!

From:	Aron Trocchia
To:	John.Winkle@DOT.Gov; AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	Floridanotallaboard@gmail.com
Subject:	Stop all aboard
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 8:15:34 AM

To Whom IT May Concern:

My wife and I have a family in Stuart FL and see daily the issues that the current freight trains cause throughout the treasure coast. Please reconsider the route through the downtowns such as Stuart, Jensen, and Vero Beach. It is dangerous and will stifle business and transportation further. Please consider an inland route which would not disturb the centers of these communities.

Sincerely,

Aron Trocchia
Stuart FL

From: Daniel Dunn
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com; john.winkle@dot.gov; Anthony.Foxx@dot.gov
Cc: Andrew.W.Phillips@usace.army.mil; David.Keys@noaa.gov; Evelyn.Smart@uscg.mil; Allan.Nagy@faa.gov; James.Christian@dot.gov; Benito.Cunill@dot.gov; Gavin.Jamesg@epa.gov; Mueller.Heinz@epa.gov; John_Wrublik@fws.gov; Charles_Kelso@fws.gov; CongressmanPatrick.Murphy@mail.house.gov; BillNelson@senate.gov; Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com; Negron.Joe.web@flsenate.gov; GHarrell@GayleHarrell.com; MaryLynn.Magar@myfloridahouse.gov
Subject: Stop All Aboard
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 4:48:35 PM

Mr. John Winkle

Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Room W38-311
Washington, DC 20590

Re: All Aboard Florida Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation

Dear Mr. Winkle:

The Guardians of Martin County, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization which has promoted a safe and healthy environment and the unique quality of life for Martin County residents for more than a decade, objects to the All Aboard Florida (AAF) high speed rail project as currently proposed and configured and submits comments with respect to the following categories evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS): Communities and Demographics (Social and Economic Community Impacts), Economic Conditions, Environmental Justice, Navigation, Public Health & Safety, Threatened and Endangered Species, Wetlands and Water Resources.

Introduction

Martin County is located within the North-South Corridor (N-S Corridor) identified on Page 4-1 of the DEIS. The County is located approximately 40 miles north of West Palm Beach and has an estimated population of 151,263 based on 2013 U.S. Census Bureau projections.

Since there are no station stops planned between West Palm Beach and Orlando, Martin County residents will gain no benefits from 32 new trains a day traveling at high speed through our community (along with an additional 12 to 14 freight trains). AAF will cause economic harm and create safety, environmental, noise, and navigation hazards that Martin County residents do not currently face.

The stated purpose of the Environmental Impact Statement is to “disclose the environmental consequences” of the proposed AAF project “and to inform decision-makers and the public of any reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts to the natural or human environment.” The Draft EIS that was drafted by consultants who were paid by AAF fails to serve

this purpose. It contains inadequate, incomplete, and inaccurate information that must be supplemented and corrected before decision-makers and the public may fully evaluate the impacts of the proposed AAF project.

Communities and Demographics (Social and Economic Community Impacts)

AAF will have serious negative social and economic community impacts within Martin County.

Incredibly, the DEIS completely omits Martin County and two incorporated municipalities which are crossed by the project in its discussion of Communities and Demographics. (DEIS 4-103 through 4-105).

The City of Stuart, which is the County's largest incorporated municipality (pop. est. 15,975) and is the County Seat for Martin County, is not mentioned in the DEIS report of impacts of the project on municipalities, although there are 10 at grade crossings in the city. The Town of Ocean Breeze, also an incorporated municipality within Martin County (pop. est. 463) which, like the City of Stuart, is literally bisected by the project, has also been omitted.

Many of the City's cultural resources, including the historic Lyric Theater, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Stuart Heritage Museum are within 100 feet of the FECR tracks.

Comments submitted by the City of Stuart and Martin County address these issues in detail.

The Guardians of Martin County question the viability of the DEIS evaluation of Communities and Demographics affected by the AAF project when the largest incorporated municipality in the County and, in fact, all of Martin County is glaringly absent from the examination of these issues. The omission of Martin County, the City of Stuart, and the Town of Ocean Breeze from the DEIS evaluation of Communities and Demographics raises serious concerns about the thoroughness and veracity of the entire proposed EIS.

Another glaringly false and absurd statement with respect to the impact of the project on communities is the assurance in the DEIS that AAF "would benefit elderly and handicapped individuals by providing a transportation option that will enhance mobility and livability in their communities." (DEIS 5-135)

Martin County has the highest percentage of elderly residents (28.9%) of any community within the N-S Corridor. Without any stops in Martin County, there is not a single "transportation option" provided by AAF to elderly and handicapped individuals. AAF not only fails to "enhance mobility and livability" in Martin County communities for elderly and handicapped residents, the project promises severe disruption to communities in which the elderly and handicapped reside and poses potential life-threatening risks.

Economic Conditions

Because the AAF project literally divides Martin County into two sections – that section east of the FECR tracks and that section west of the tracks – the project creates a severe threat to the economic survival of small businesses that rely on customers to cross the tracks for access.

Numerous small shops, restaurants, plants, groceries, and other business outlets are located adjacent to or near the FECR tracks. Fast and safe access across the tracks is not assured by the project, threatening the customer base of many of these small businesses, especially in the unincorporated areas of Port Salerno, Hobe Sound, Golden Gate and Jensen Beach and the incorporated municipality of Stuart, which encompasses the minority community of East Stuart.

Martin County has five “community redevelopment areas” (CRAs) which will be impacted by the project. None of the CRAs are identified or discussed in the DEIS. The Jensen Beach, Rio, Golden Gate, Port Salerno and Hobe Sound CRAs all are adjacent to or bisected by the FECR tracks. CRAs are statutorily created areas designed to eliminate blight, provide affordable housing, and generate economic development and stability within the communities where they are established. The DEIS fails to consider the project’s negative impacts to Martin County’s CRAs, such as the effect of lower property values caused by AAF on the Tax Increment Financing methodology that is used to finance and maintain CRA operations.

The economic benefits of the project touted by the DEIS are limited to temporary construction work in creating new infrastructure in Martin County.

The DEIS analysis that no job loss or neighborhood fragmentation will result from the project (DEIS S-17) is not borne out by the experience of small business owners and residents in the project area, especially those adjacent to or in close proximity to the FECR tracks.

Severe economic damage to existing small businesses will be long-lasting or permanent. It is likely some will not survive the onslaught of increased train traffic that will block access to their businesses and create hazardous conditions for their customers trying to cross the tracks.

Environmental Justice

The DEIS fails to identify, quantify, or describe minority and low-income populations in Martin County that are disproportionately impacted by the negative impacts of the AAF project.

The County’s minority and low-income populations are, as in many other communities, situated closest to the project and are frequently bisected by the FECR tracks.

The East Stuart community within the City of Stuart is historically African-American. East Stuart hosts two at grade crossings – at Florida Street and A1A (Dixie Highway) and at Decker and A1A. The tracks separate a densely populated residential area from the commercial area, and it is common for residents – especially children – to walk or ride their bikes across the tracks several times a day. One of the most beloved and utilized organizations within the East Stuart community, the Gertrude Walden Child Care Center, which provides services for low-income and minority parents and children, is located in the immediate vicinity of the project.

Similar situations exist in the Port Salerno, Hobe Sound and Golden Gate, where public schools, athletic fields, parks and youth centers such as the Boys and Girls' Club are located in close proximity to the project. These communities have a high level of minority residents and businesses who are disproportionately impacted by the project, which does not directly impact the more affluent communities within the County which are not located as near the FECR tracks.

Among the negative effects of AAF on communities with higher percentages of low-income, minority, and elderly residents is the certainty that delay will be encountered by emergency vehicles crossing the FECR tracks to access emergency medical care.

Martin Memorial Medical Center, the largest medical care provider in Martin County (and also one of the largest employers in the County), has submitted comments objecting to the project noting that emergency responders throughout Martin County already "face a unique burden from existing freight traffic" on the "rail line [which] slices through the center of" the community.

Where the elderly and the very young live and congregate near the FECR tracks, the emergency access burden is of special concern and likely to result in tragic consequences. As the CEO of Martin Memorial Medical Center noted, even if delays caused by increased train traffic at crossings throughout the community are brief, "seconds can truly mean the difference between life and death."

In low-income and minority communities, foot and bicycle traffic across the railroad tracks is common and presents additional disproportionate dangers to these residents.

Property values in lower-income areas are already depressed and will be further depressed by the proximity of the project. Noise and vibration from increased train traffic will disproportionately impact low-income and minority communities located closest to the FECR tracks.

Navigation

Numerous comments have been submitted regarding the serious negative impacts to navigation caused by the project and the failure of the DEIS to

adequately and accurately address these concerns. The Guardians of Martin County, Inc., joins the marine industry, local governments, and boaters throughout the County in objecting to the project as it relates to navigation.

The information contained in the DEIS is indisputably inaccurate with respect to the number of vessels which pass through the St. Lucie River bridge. Comments submitted by Martin County include accurate counts of vessels passing through the bridge during the week and on weekends, reflecting more than twice as many vessels as the DEIS estimates.

Delays in allowing marine traffic to navigate through the St. Lucie River bridge opening will affect boater safety as well as property values for waterfront properties that lie to the west of the bridge. Commercial marinas and docks that require boaters to navigate through the bridge with longer and more frequent closures also will be severely impacted by the project.

Public Health & Safety

The DEIS fails to acknowledge that Fire Rescue and evacuation routes will be hampered by the project throughout Martin County.

Even in more affluent communities such as Jupiter Island and Sewall's Point, there will be increased delays in the ability of emergency responders to reach the medical center located across the FECR tracks. Both the City of Stuart and Martin County, which contracts with other municipalities to provide fire rescue services, project serious increases in emergency response times due to increased train traffic and crossing closures.

Delays of as much as an additional 45 minutes are projected for evacuation in the event of an emergency at the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant on Hutchinson Island just north of Martin County. All evacuation routes are crossed by FECR tracks. In the event of other emergencies or weather events that require evacuation, increased train traffic will generate still more delays.

Pedestrian crossings which are frequently used throughout the County, especially in low-income and minority areas, will be even more dangerous with not only a higher number of trains on the tracks each day but increased speed of approaching trains. Pedestrians used to gauging the time available to cross the tracks based on the slower speed of freight trains will face significantly less crossing time with high-speed passenger trains approaching.

Threatened and Endangered Species

The DEIS discounts any impacts to threatened and endangered species and inaccurately states that no such species will be affected by the project.

The project passes through Jonathan Dickinson State Park (JDSP) in Martin County, which is the site of a number of resources which are not even mentioned in the DEIS. The Florida Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP)

has submitted comments identifying species which will likely be impacted, such as perforated reindeer lichen (*Cladonia perforata*) located within the right-of-way and Curtiss' milkweed (*Asclepias curtissi*).

The Division notes that the federally protected eastern indigo snake has habitat within the N-S Corridor that will be impacted, as well as the Florida scrub jay, gopher tortoise, gopher frog, and Florida mouse. The gopher frog is especially likely to cross back and forth across the tracks in the park to travel between scrub habitat and wetlands breeding grounds.

Expansion of the tracks through JDSP will impact Florida scrub jay habitat as well as gopher tortoise on site.

More frequent closings of the rail crossing within JDSP will have severe negative impacts since the park has only one public access road. Emergency vehicles, campers, and day visitors could be trapped in the western part of the park during closures.

The DPR has submitted extensive and detailed comments addressing these issues.

Wetlands and Water Resources

As with other environmental impacts, the DEIS minimizes damage to wetlands and water resources resulting from the proposed project.

Comments submitted by Martin County detail serious concerns, including potential impacts to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River, which is federally designated as a Wild and Scenic River. The DEIS brushes off such concerns, suggesting that the lack of proximity to the FECR tracks eliminates or minimizes them. The entire Loxahatchee River watershed is a significant ecological complex, however, that provides unique habitat for endangered, threatened and migratory birds that travel throughout the area, including within the right-of-way.

Overall impacts to wetlands throughout the project area have not been quantified or addressed by the DEIS, which discusses mitigation of these impacts without acknowledging Martin County's special protections for all wetlands. Insufficient data is provided for an accurate evaluation of the project's wetlands impacts.

Impacts to water resources are being considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; however, the Corps has yet to schedule public hearings which have been requested by the Guardians of Martin County, Inc., as well as Martin County and other governmental agencies.

It is inevitable that impacts to manatee, protected seagrasses, and other marine life will be severe as a result of increased train traffic resulting in increased bridge closures producing more vessels queuing up to navigate

through the bridge.

Conclusion

The DEIS failed to objectively and fairly evaluate the CSX Route Alternative (DEIS Figure 3.2-1), which would avoid most if not all of the negative impacts to Martin County residents and communities. The AAF-paid consultants simply rejected the CSX Route Alternative out-of-hand, citing speculative issues such as “the risk that CSX would not be willing to enter into” a shared use agreement for existing infrastructure and unsupported conclusions such as the CSX Route Alternative poses “the highest potential adverse direct and indirect impacts to wetlands and protected species.” (DEIS 3-7)

The Guardians of Martin County, Inc., strongly opposes the AAF project as proposed. The DEIS is replete with inaccurate, out-dated, speculative, and subjective material that appears to have been deliberately skewed by the drafters to support an unsustainable, critically flawed project.

The Guardians advocates consistency with the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan in all development throughout the County. The DEIS inaccurately states that the Plan was prepared by the Martin County “Division of Community Planning.” (DEIS 4-4) There is no such agency within Martin County government. The Plan was prepared by the Martin County Growth Management Department.

Please insist that the final EIS be delayed until supplemental and accurate information is provided that truly reflects the AAF project’s impacts on the population and communities along the projected route.

Sincerely,

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From:	IAI
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com; John.Winkle@DOT.Gov; uscgd7dpbpubliccomment@uscg.mil
Cc:	Floridanotallaboard@gmail.com
Subject:	STOP FEC from using
Date:	Monday, December 1, 2014 8:18:06 PM

Florida East Coast Railway (Fortress Investment Group) is gearing up for increased intermodal traffic between Port Miami/Port Everglades and Jacksonville.
[Widened Panama Canal to accomodate "Panamax" ships - plus proposed Nicaraguan Canal funded by China.]

The FEC application for a loan for "passenger service" is a ruse to get tax dollars from the **Federal** Railroad Administration in order to retrofit the tracks and railbeds along Florida's highly populated residential East Coast in preparation for constant traffic of HIGH SPEED, DOUBLE DECK FREIGHT CARS.

STEP ONE: STOP THE FEDERAL LOAN

STEP TWO: HOLD A REFERENDUM wherein the residents of the Florida east coast communities affected vote on whether they want their communities industrialized, divided, polluted with noise and traffic jams.

STEP THREE: FORCE FEC and its financial engineers to SHIP THE COMMERCIAL FREIGHT from ASIA via inland tracks that do not disrupt highly populated residential communities.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE FACILITATION OF ASIAN IMPORTS REPRESENTS A FURTHER IMPOVERISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
IRONIC THAT THAT FEC WANTS TO DO IT WITH TAXPAYER MONEY!!!

Regards,
C. A. Goss

S.E. Florida Resident since 1956.

From: Amy Payne
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop in Brevard
Date: Saturday, November 22, 2014 11:27:12 AM

I just wanted to let you know I would regularly use this train from Brevard county to the Orlando Airport. Please add a stop in a Brevard county. Amy Payne

Sent from my iPad

From: penel921@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the AAF
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2014 3:46:53 PM

No, no a thousand times no!
Penelope Mee
Port. St. Lucie, FL

From: Diana Berray
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the all aboard florida!
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 12:22:35 PM

I can't believe this is actually happening. It is the worst thing for Florida.
It will divide my town (Stuart) in half- going to work will be impossible as the trains will cause a blockage. The noise will be horrible. I seriously have to think of moving out of Stuart- where I have lived for 22 years. It will destroy the town, environment, boating- everything that is great about this place. Shame on everyone involved!

If the train needs to carry cargo 32 times a day - then it should use tracks west of town and not through the middle of it. I hope that it never happens or at least not through our town.

Diana Berray
David Strom

From: mongoose01@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop The All Aboard Train and How This Train Will Negatively Impact The Majority Of Our Citizens and Our Home
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 5:36:13 PM

Environmental Justice

Dear _____John Winkle Of The FRA_____,

Hello

My family and I live in Indian River County. Previously we had lived in New York and New Jersey. Our family had lived near trains before in Spring Lake and Point Pleasant New Jersey, beautiful places to live as is *the current case for* Vero Beach Florida. Currently as was the case up north the small commercial trains that you would hear as we would all sit around our wrap around porch gave these neighborhoods a wonderful sense of vacation, small town and the ushering in of another memorial day and summer season to come.

Vero Beach where our leaders and its building department don't even allow buildings taller than 3 stories, nor allow that much commercial projects want to keep that small town atmosphere *we currently have*. I truly don't think the planning department had ever imagined what those people at Florida All Aboard nor anyone else would be planning to do with these coastal tracks. This can not be allowed for many more reasons than anyone could list to have this project completed this way. Using the existing coastal rail road for a rapid train system will turn us more into the rapid transit system of New York City and less like the one in Point Pleasant, Long Beach Island, Spring lake and Cape May New Jersey. There is no reason to state mark my words because I have to believe you already know this.

I also believe the building department here did not think much about wher it placed communities so close to the rail road tracks along U.S Highway One. I can tell you now as stated for the record that our community, and even more precise this home we live in and spent our hard earned money on to build "this custom home will not only lose much of its value by this type of train system, but because of a rapid train system like this it will cause many people looking for homes to stay clear from buying this home, in our neighborhood and area". I also believe beyond any reasonable doubt that "our quality of life will be diminished greatly". I would not be honest if I did not say that we are very scared to think that people can be lead to do harm to others for their own financial gain, especially based on this impact report that was nothing more than sham.

Where are thy brothers keeper here on earth, here in the United States, Here in Florida now? I trust between you, me and the Lord Thy God we all call on every

Sunday to hear our prayers will looks into each of our souls each and every day.

I can understand each parties position. I can understand what it might mean for you and your agency to tell those who only fly over the tracks, never feeling the hardship, the time the burdens & fumes "No this Idea is no good this Idea is Dead in its tracks!" I know this because I was in a position of authority at one time (Supreme Court State of New York). I have other relatives that live here and even my parents who are against this train system that live in Jupiter Florida & Boca Raton and they are not directly impacted but know right from wrong!, and until anyone of those good people I will only meet in Heaven need an ambulance and can't get to the hospital because of either stupidity or greed, or maybe it will be a fire, who knows. In regard there are just to many reasons this project needs to stop and the small amount of train travelers this will benefit. It does not outweigh the vast majority of citizens this will negatively impact.

Back to our home and community again, (Vero Beach) currently when we have family visiting and the train comes through early in the morning when everyone wakes they will say they thought they were in Spring lake, our home already has a slight vibration and sometimes you may hear the horn. A serious question now is what is the impact of this type train and our home, this community? and what happens when along U.S Highway 1 and say 73rd street and all the commercial properties there are sold, then all the massive amounts of trees are cleared that currently buffer the sound of the infrequent commercial train that goes through? Anyone taking into account the impact of those trees being removed?

I have read the current impact report and just like when I was on the job it was tailor made to suite the party looking to have the work approved/and for this train system to go through. It does not take into account *for every single person* and it clearly does not bring to account what should be the top reason for or against this project. Like does this affect more people negatively than positively? Can this cause harm or death to the citizens that I need to make a wise decision for? Will this cause negative changes in the quality of life for residents along the coast, and not just the massive traffic, congestion and pollution issues it will cause?

Finally as we had stated we are very scared and concerned in regard to losing the quality of life we have and the devaluation of our home. If a bad decision is made,Will all those who do own homes and properties be compensated for this and is that just, In God We Trust or Not? Honestly we don't want to be put in the position having o contact Charlie Rose, Chris Mathews, Arianna Huffington and CNN indicating the need for a massive class action. I think we all want to just enjoy their remainder of our days here on earth in sunny Florida.

Last the research we have in this short amount of time did indicate that in other places train systems were dropped under ground, walls constructed, tracks moved all done to make sure people's homes and quality of life were not negatively impacted. This is the 21st Century and even if the case was that only the very poor and unfortunate were affected by this that would be even more the reason to make the right decision and stop this now.

I for one am glad to have had parents who taught me to do onto others as I would like done onto thyself and I try to believe our government can still do what is right, but the last thing I want to think while at church some Sunday in the future is Lord may your Government usher in as soon as possible. We no longer even know right from wrong.

Thank you for your time and attention in this very important matter, not just for this family and our concerns but to every last person that this will negatively impact.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael DeBlasio

Denise DeBlasio

Michael W. DeBlasio II

Josephine DeBlasio

Michael W. DeBlasio I

Mary Cutillio

Tony Cutillio

Wayne Cutillo

Rosemary Grimes

From: Jean Defrancis
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the Destruction
Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 7:49:28 PM

When there are already tracks to the west of the coastline, & the trains will be traveling over 100 mph, why ruin our historic areas along the St. lucie River? There will be all kinds of destruction to our 100 year old buildings, along with dangerous delays for our citizens with 32 MORE trains each day blocking roads to hospitals and blocking fire equipment from getting through. Have a heart & use your heads!
Jean M. DeFrancis,
Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

From: Virginia Duetsch
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the high speed train
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 11:06:20 AM

Please add my name to any list objecting to the "All Aboard Florida" high speed train going through Treasure coast towns. The train will be dangerous, engender noise and other pollution, and obstructive to the normal flow of traffic. MOVE THE TRACK WEST OUT NEAR 95 WHERE THE POPULATION IS SPARSE AND THE DANGER AND POLLUTION LESS IMPACTFUL. We do NOT want the train running through our communities.

E. Virginia Duetsch

From:	Ronnie Giesing
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop the railroad
Date:	Monday, December 1, 2014 8:23:39 AM

Martin county residents do not want the railroad.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Marilyn Katz
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: stop the railroad
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 3:11:23 AM

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why do you want to destroy the paradise that is martin county?.

there are inland routes, paralleling the turnpike, using existing tracks in the middle of state

the railroad will cost so much money to destroy the environment, boating, downtown Stuart, traffic and the lives of many people.

why should a few greedy uncaring people ruin martin county?

marilyn katz

Sent from my iPad Marilyn

From: Kathy Sweeney
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the train!!
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 3:28:04 PM

I live in a 55+ community & God forbid anyone in our community need an ambulance or a fire truck it would never get here. I'm very upset that they would contemplate having a train go by 18 times a day along with the freight train that goes by already. By my understanding their is a track west of 95 that could be used & not interfere with any traffic over there because it's farmland.
Wouldn't it seem more logical to have the train run thru at that site!
I thank you in advance & looking forward to a response
Sincerely

Kathleen Sweeney

Sent from my iPhone

From: Marty
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the train!
Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 7:57:28 PM

This just does not make financial sense.

Martin Majka, owner
Martin A. Majka Construction, Inc
772-341-7261 (cell)

From:	Kathleen T McCarthy
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop the Train
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 7:09:31 PM

It will divide our town
Delay public emergency services
Disturb the peace
Etcetcetc

Sent from my iPhone

From: sandi adams
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the Train
Date: Monday, October 6, 2014 8:55:25 AM

As a new resident of Vero Beach I am so enjoying my life at Vista Royale. I knew about the local rail business when I bought my Condo. Now I am hearing about the big train which is scheduled to make 32 passes thru Vero Beach and my neighborhood daily.

I feels as tho Vero Beach and its citizens are getting all the noise and personal cost and none of the benefits of this Big Train. What is the hurry to get between Miami and Orlando? It must be Disney or casino traffic.

Well good for them! They generate employment and entertainment. But what about those of us who just suffer the train wizzing by and tying up our intersections and waterways daily? Can you come up with some kind of compensation for those of us standing in the backdraft as the train goes back and forth? A lot of citizens are slated to pay the cost and reap no benefit.

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www.sandijadams.com

From: Gaye Pratt
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the train, please!!!
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 5:45:38 AM

Please reconsider the current planned train route! I feel a monorail would make the most sense that would be the least I work in Stuart and cannot believe that anyone assessed the impact a train would have in this area, or any other area on the Treasure Coast. A train that goes thru the town multiple times per day would effectively shut the town down. Anyone who has EVER been in either Stuart or Fort Pierce would be able to tell at a glance that a train would make these towns ghost towns.

The current amount of train traffic is already an issue. Just yesterday I had to wait for a train to go thru town on my way to work, delaying my arrival. Then 2 hours later, returning from a doctor's appointment, I had to wait again as a train went thru town. I don't care how fast the train is supposed to be, stopping traffic to let a train go thru MANY times per day will shut Fort Pierce and Stuart down.

Please stop the train.

Gaye Pratt
2420 SE Marseille St
Port St Lucie, FL 34952
(772)398-1798

From: Sally Lewis
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop The Train
Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014 7:52:32 AM

I do not support the All Aboard Florida train. I live in Jupiter and I am very concerned about safety issues, the impact to the boating industry and taxpayer money requested for the loan. There are many other concerns that I have about this train proposal. We can get to Orlando by train or bus already.

I don't understand how the Draft EIS claimed there was minimal impact on our communities.

Thank you,
Sally Lewis
A concerned taxpayer in Jupiter, Florida.

From: rpollmei@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: STOP THE TRAIN
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 7:53:21 AM

Please stop the train!! The only positive is the construction jobs as it is being built, after the work is finished all we are left with is noise and interruption from the trains. What we need on the treasure coast is a rail system improvement of our existing passenger train service so if some one wants to ride a train from lets say Melbourne they can catch the train at Melbourne and ride it to West Palm, or even to Miami to catch a flight. We do not have any need here on the treasure coast for a HIGH SPEED RAIL. Too many negatives with almost no positives.

Thanks
Randall Pollmeier
Port St Lucie Fl

From: Michael Constable
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 4:42:22 PM

We have never been given the opportunity to vote on the train. There is no way this venture will be able to support itself.
I live close to the alt. A1A bridge in Jupiter and within ear shot of 5 crossings. The noise will be unbearable. Also,the bridge will not withstand that much use. It will have to be left down most of the time severely limiting boat traffic.
We pay a lot of taxes to live on the river and this will ruin the area.
Also, fire,ems,and police services will be hampered. I am a firefighter that works in the area around my house and response times will be affected.
I hope you take the time to read this. Our way of life is about to change for the worse.

Signed,a very disappointed native:
Mike Constable

From: Greetings
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop the Train
Date: Monday, November 24, 2014 10:11:47 AM

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Gentlemen,
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I'm strongly opposed to All Aboard Florida.
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This proposal will adversely affect our community in several ways"

1. Traffic. Automobile across the many crossings in our area. Long delays to excessively long freight trains. Multiple delays due to frequent proposed passenger traffic.
2. Boat traffic on our waterways because of the draw bridges,
3. Noise. No need for loud horns at all times of the day and night to say nothing of the noise from the 100 MPH trains. This will impact not only the people close to the tracks but also those living in proximity of the trains.
4. Environnenment.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Flooding due to raised track beds.
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I feel strongly that the environment studies to date are flawed.
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Please do not allow big money dictate wrecking our neighborhoods along the proposed right of way.
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Very Truly Yours,
<!--[if !supportEmptyParas]--> <!--[endif]-->
William G. James, Jr.
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From: Terry Howard
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop This Nonsense - Liars & Thieves??
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 10:00:18 AM

Liars and thieves?

Time is the most valuable possession people have. We live in St Lucie Village, the oldest neighborhood along the Indian River Lagoon between Titusville and Jupiter; here well before the railroad. In the course of a day my neighbors and I cross the tracks many times. All Aboard Florida will steal our time. If each of those 32 trains clog a crossings for no more than 2 minutes a pass, that's an hour and 4 minutes more of daily crossing blockages. Add the expanded freight traffic and the freight trains side tracked to make way for the passenger trains and it's a railroad crossing nightmare. All that live near the tracks would lose a large chunk of their lives- their time- to sitting in traffic listening to and watching trains go by.

And it's still a mystery where all of their passengers are. Anyone today can ride Amtrak 97 Silver Meteor from Miami to Orlando for $43 or from West Palm Beach to Orlando for $31. The travel times are 5 hours and 3 hours and change respectively. And there seems to be plenty of vacant space on these daily Amtrak trips. So where are all the mystery passengers?

Now we learn from TCPalm columnist Rich Campbell that the Federal Railroad Commission turned the responsibility of creating and preparing the environmental feasibility impact study over to AAF. Allowing any credibility to be given to such an unfair biased study is pure folly. AAF will say and do about anything to get it. And according to TCPalm newspapers they have spent more than three and a half million dollars lobbying various government entities for their project. There is zero benefit for the people of the Treasure Coast, who must pay for enhancing the safety of all of the railroad crossings.

The AAF people are planning to steal the valuable time, and seriously diminish the quality of life, of many thousands of south Floridians. And they are evasive and loose with the truth, especially concerning their supposed passenger ridership. I will not call them liars and thieves, but their whole project stinks.

And I'm very suspicious that the Federal Railroad Commission is just a rubber stamp for All Aboard Florida, and these public hearings are a sham. Please prove me wrong and stop this fiasco.

Terry Howard

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From: Stewart Smetts
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc: Stewartsmetts@gmail.com; Eve.samples@tcpalm.com
Subject: Stop this Railroading!
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 10:45:26 AM

Our condominium community in Stuart Florida is outraged that the AAF proposal is even being considered. It is both devastating to the human environment along the Treasure Coast and is an economic boondoggle for the investment group who has likewise been hoodwinked with economic projections that just don't work. Investors are responsible for their own behavior but it is governmental agencies who are responsible to protect the safety of the citizens who stand to lose their communities through lack of that effective oversight and control.

Please help us. Here we are in 2014 and we are "up against the railroad". We are being railroaded and are desperate to preserve the safety, quiet enjoyment, and economic vitality of our community. The AAF proposal does not even consider the already projected three fold increase in freight train traffic in the next few years! Please get ahead of this with leadership to preserve the communities along Florida's east coast. Look to provide for current and future growth by creating a fully modern rail right of way away from the coastal communities and able to serve connections not just to the Orlando and Miami business communities but for freight and high speed rail service to the entire eastern coast of the United States, Atlanta, and Chicago. There are many reasons AMTRAK doesn't work and using historic railways is a primary one. AAF follows that AMTRAK paradigm and is its own short sighted economic disaster.

The required reviews and reports by AAF have been widely discredited as lacking in scope, content, and credibility. An entirely new environmental impact report is obviously needed to include all of the issues which the local governments, agencies, and citizens have now been made aware. Those questions and concerns must be accounted for and cannot responsibly be disregarded by the very people and processes designated to protect our environment.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Stewart A. Smetts
1600 SE St Lucie Blvd, #401
Stuart, Florida 34996

StewartSmetts@gmail.com

From: Régis et Nicole Isabelle
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: STOP THIS TRAIN PROJECT FROM GOING FORWARD.
Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014 9:39:28 AM

PLEASE

STOP THIS TRAIN PROJECT FROM GOING FORWARD.
Building 29
Appt 205
VistaRoyale
Régis and Nicole Isabelle

From: Pierre Gmail 2
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc: negron.joe.web@flsenate.gov; debbie.mayfield@myfloridahouse.gov; rick.scott@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: STOP THIS TRAIN PROJECT FROM GOING FORWARD
Date: Monday, September 29, 2014 11:03:01 AM

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved That the Vista Royale Board of Directors, representing a senior community of 1512 condos in Indian River County, bordering Route 1 and the current railroad tracks, is overwhelmingly against the All Aboard Florida proposal to add tracks allowing up to 32 passenger trains a day, travelling at high speeds, very close to our community. There are presently 3 railroad crossings (Oslo Road, 1st Street and 4th Street) that will be directly affected by the planned tracks and trains, limiting our access to emergency services, shopping and daily travel throughout Indian River County, as well as the safety issues associated with the additional trains.

Residents of Vista Royale are presently disturbed by the existing train noise throughout the day and night, and any additional trains and noise associated with them will only exacerbate this level of disturbance and severely limit our peaceful use of the many outdoor activities we currently enjoy. We are also concerned that Vista Royale's properties will decline in value because of the diminished access to our community and the increased noise generated by the high speed trains.

We request you utilize all of your efforts to STOP THIS TRAIN PROJECT FROM GOING FORWARD.

Resident :
Pierre Amesse / Mireille Masson
68 Royal Oak Ct, unit 201
Florida,32962

Ce courrier électronique ne contient aucun virus ou logiciel malveillant parce que la protection Antivirus avast! est active.

From:	ilan sebag
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stop train
Date:	Sunday, November 2, 2014 3:36:31 PM

Totally opposed to train !!

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Ilan A.Sebag
305 528-8966

From: Thomas Ryan
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stop your train
Date: Sunday, November 9, 2014 12:44:13 PM

I live on the water and your train will hold up the Roosevelt bridge opening. You also will devalue my property because it will take to long to get to the ocean. Move that train inland !!!!!

From:	Judy Holder
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	STOP
Date:	Thursday, November 13, 2014 7:30:48 AM

The Stuart/Jensen Beach area is a perfect example why thus shouldn't happen.
It is already crowded and no room to add additional tracks, plus high speed trains.
Move tracks west...this is the way of the future.
Listen to the people.
Thank you

Sent from Judy's iPad

From:	Mary Lou
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stopping in Stuart
Date:	Saturday, September 27, 2014 3:49:12 PM

We might consider a "yes" if we would benefit from a stop in Stuart.

Sent from my iPad

From: June
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Strong objection to train plan!
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 3:02:00 PM

We can think of nothing worse than your proposed plan to destroy the life of our town! We've lived here 30years and can't imagine a proposal like this to destroy the environment. It obviously has to do with future freight service, which could go West of the beautiful Treasure Coast!
June & Donald Stork, Vero Beach,Fla.

From:	Kendall, Jane
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Strongly oppose the investment in this train
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 6:15:17 PM
Importance:	High

This is a poorly researched project. This train will never get the ridership to support it financially and it will become a TAX BURDEN for the state of FLORIDA.

I strongly oppose the All Aboard Florida train.

I sincerely hope the project does not move forward.

Jane Kendall
5536 A1A # 209
Vero Beach, FL 32962

From:	Francis Wolek
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Strongly Oppossed to AAF
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 4:33:56 PM

Dear Railroad Official

This email is a formal commentary of strong opposition to the All Aboard Florida Program. We have many concerns regarding the impact of this program on the Treasure Coast. However, our primary point of opposition is with the process used to formulate and present the plan to the public.

The process should have been a Full Systems analysis of not just All Aboard but of the Total Rail System (such as Freight and Passenger) for the next 20 to 35 years and not just of AAF, but of all reasonable alternatives (such as major alternatives such as a western routing).

Granted, this would be an expensive process. But if fairly and openly formulated it would welcome and include data and analyses from non-official, private, and non-governmental organizations.

In short and as presented, we are strongly opposed to All Aboard Florida!

Francis W. Wolek
Professor Emeritus and Previous Federal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Gloria Wolek
Previous Chair of a Township Board of Commissioners

Both of us are Florida home owners in Stuart, Florida

From:	Chartwell
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stuart AAF Public Meeting
Date:	Monday, November 3, 2014 9:23:30 AM
Attachments:	CJT AAF Letter-11-3-14.pdf ATT00001.htm

John

I attended the meeting and AAF math still indicates the waterways will be closed during daylight hours.

Charles J Thayer
CJT@ChartwellCapital.com

From: donna
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stuart FL NOT ALL ABOARD
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 11:41:08 PM

Please do not destroy our beautiful and quaint downtown Stuart by running your trains through it.
Please do not destroy our ease of navigation on the waterways by forcing all boat traffic to come to a halt numerous times a day.
NO NO NO to Big Choo Choo! You are NOT WANTED here, not even if a stop is proposed. No train, no train stop. Go west!
d. true
stuart, fl 34997

From: Randy Sroczynski
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stuart in Martin County
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 8:07:21 AM

The expansion of tracks and the increase of trips will forever ruin the pleasant environment of downtown Stuart and Jensen Beach.
I will protest this venture by all possible means.
Randy Sroczynski
1225 NW 21st St.
Stuart 34994

From: Nancy Kirsch
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stuart REAL Public Safety Issues
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 1:43:00 PM

Hello my name is Nancy Kirsch and reside in Palm City just over the bridge from Stuart. I have lived in the area for 32 years - 2 years in Stuart & 30 years in Palm City. A member of my household has serious medical issues & has been transported by ambulance to Martin Memorial North Hospital 3 times in the past two years Thankfully, each trip to the hospital was unimpeded by train traffic and my family member was able to quickly receive prompt medical treatment. Although, given the number of train traffic that is proposed to travel through Stuart, in addition to the fact that you MUST cross over railways in order to get to Martin Memorial North, (which is where my family member must go to receive treatment) it is highly likely that this member of my family could easily die due to either an ambulance waiting at a train crossing in order to get to my home or the hospital.

Obviously, my family is one of thousands that would be affected. Oh & lest I forget, the Martin County Sheriff and Fire Department would also have the exact same problem in attempting to respond to urgent calls involving life and death. You, your investors and whatever right of way or property rights involved, should not be allowed to so adversely affect hundreds of thousands of people (if not millions) in multiple counties for the sake of MONEY & PROFIT. AAF has no right to dictate life and death, not to mention scarring or decimating local economies, quality of life and home values. Only a very few will benefit, while the majority of citizens in the Treasure Coast & elsewhere will suffer - some paying with their lives given your current plan.

Nancy Kirsch
3711 SW Sunset Trace Circle
Palm City, FL 34990
772-286-8479

From: Al Ragl
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stuart RR crossings
Date: Friday, October 31, 2014 2:54:19 PM

My first question is: Do you know how many street crossings there are in Stuart alone for the High Speed Rail????
Each time the intersection closes for traffic, it impedes not only the flow, but also the normal conduct of business on either side.
Wore jet is the real possibility that emergency vehicles will not arrive at the Martin Health hospital before your train has claimed a life.
I must assume that that is of no concern to you in our area.
We can only hope that you fail in subjecting all of us in your careless endeavor.

Not On Board.
Al Ragl

From:	Jean Defrancis
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stuart Ruins!
Date:	Monday, October 13, 2014 12:03:00 PM

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32 trains per day PLUS freight trains -
What a way to ruin our beautiful town and all the lovely old towns along the coast to which many people love to live in. Don't let that happen in FL.
Jean DeFrancis,
Stuart, FL full time resident

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Carol Newton
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Stuart trains
Date:	Sunday, October 26, 2014 2:02:03 PM

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please do not bring all aboard project to our area ... It will cause too much trouble for our little town...
Thank you,
Carol Newton

From: kmc3055@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Stuart, FL Impact
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 1:30:17 PM

We own a home in a golf course community only 100 yards or so from the tracks. It is already noisy from the current train traffic. If AAF is allowed to proceed our quality of life and home value will be negatively impacted. This is the wrong thing to do to homeowners in the Stuart, FL area.

Karen McMillan
Stuart, FL

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Tammy
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Subject: AAF - Let"s Do Great Things
Date:	Monday, December 1, 2014 9:00:29 AM

Hello AAF,

It's a great thing. The first step to catching up to the European rail system. This is America. We should do great things.

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Best regards,
Tammy mailto:tbrogall@gmx.net

From: Kesley De Miranda
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Suggestion: Please consider overnight hours [possibly in lesser frequency] for the nightlife/concertgoing crowd
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014 2:35:13 AM

The AAF stations will go into the heart of 3 downtown cities in South Florida, where the nightlife industry is booming. Not only are there after hour and even 24 hour clubs, there's also many concerts that are hosted in nearby venues that people come from far and wide to see particular artists. The hours of these events are during the late night and overnight hours. I think AAF should consider running trains during these hours, maybe at a lesser frequency, once per hour possibly, maybe it can be limited to Fridays to Sundays? Urban centers are rapidly becoming alive again and Miami is a 24-hour city. I would love to have the option to jump on a train to West Palm Beach to see one of my favorite bands and then jump on the train and go right back, and not have to worry if I had a few too many drinks. Drunk driving is a serious problem and having this option will curb accidents by giving people another option. Also, keep in mind that anyone whether in Orlando, West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, or Miami will have this option. So this has the potential of attracting a new niche market of passengers that may want to come down here or vice versa for concerts or special events, such as Ultra and its after parties. There are a lot of concerts of musicians I enjoy which are typically held in Ft. Lauderdale or West Palm Beach. There have even been some in Orlando. But the long drive during those late hours is a turn off for me. This option will make it more safe and comfortable for us to enjoy these type of events.

Best Regards,
Kesley De Miranda

Sent from iCloud

From: Peate, Martin
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Supoprt for All Aboard Florida
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014 2:12:54 PM
Importance: High

Mr. Winkle,

As a transportation planner and lifetime resident of Florida I applaud the efforts and concept of All Aboard Florida. For far too many years the State of Florida has relied solely on the personal automobile as the primary mode of transportation and personal mobility. Far too many times has the State of Florida and federal government attempted to develop and complete an exclusive, fixed-guideway rail connection between Miami, Orlando and even to Tampa. All Aboard Florida has passed a milestone that other efforts have fallen short of achieving with the development and public review of this DEIS.

I whole-heartedly support and endorse the project as discussed in the DEIS (approved 09.19.14).

I look forward to having the opportunity to have a choice between Miami and Orlando and hopefully one day all the way to Tampa.

Martin A. Peate, AICP
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From: Ben Stewart
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Support all aboard Florida
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 4:10:49 PM

Hello,

I am writing this email in support of the All Aboard Florida project. Being from the South Florida area, I think this project will have a significant positive impact on the state of Florida . I currently work in Orlando and have my girlfriend, friends and family all living in the Fort Lauderdale area. I would find the ability to take a 3 hour commute via train rather than automobile much more appealing and convenient, as I could continue to do work while making the commute down there. The economic and environmental impact of this project cannot be ignored. This project will bring numerous new jobs to the state of Florida as well as reduce the environmental impact of long distance commuters. I am in full support of this project and look forward to taking the ride down to South Florida upon its completion.

Thank you,

Ben Stewart

From:	Bonanti, Christopher
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Support Cards for AAF
Date:	Tuesday, October 7, 2014 11:21:07 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png Comment Cards to FRA - 10-07-2014.pdf

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Dear Mr. John Winkle,

Please find attached, 33 support cards for the All Aboard Florida project.

Sincerely,

Chris

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From:	King, William W - NEW YORK NY
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	Governor Rick Scott
Subject:	Support for All Aboard Florida passenger rail service...
Date:	Thursday, September 25, 2014 11:52:33 AM

Dear Mr. Winkler,

I wish to convey my support for the All Aboard Florida passenger rail service.
As a resident of Vero Beach, Florida, I think it would be beneficial.
Among the reasons:

1. The construction phase provides direct and indirect jobs to the entire East coast of Florida.
2. The finished project provides a lasting capital improvement that will serve generations of Floridians (and visiting tourists).
3. It will reduce car emissions, reduce highway fatalities and injuries and reduce wear and tear on our Florida highways.

There will be many who say, “not in my back yard”!
There will be many who say, “it is too dangerous”!
There will be many who say, “All Aboard Florida is getting a Federal handout”.

I say, my elected officials need to have the guts to make a “Go Forward” decision for the long term benefit of all.
And maybe, one day, we will have passenger rail service in Vero Beach as well?

Thank you,

William King
5156 Saint Andrews Island Drive
Vero Beach, FL 32967

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From: Lauren Murley
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Support for All Aboard Florida
Date: Monday, September 22, 2014 3:15:56 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing to let you know I am very excited for All Aboard Florida. This is a project that has been long-needed to connect Florida's major destinations. Driving on Florida highways is treacherous - I cannot wait for the day when we can get on an All Aboard Florida train and easily get to Orlando from South Florida.

Thank you,
Lauren

From:	Cara Capp
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	John Adornato, III
Subject:	Support for All Aboard Florida
Date:	Thursday, November 13, 2014 3:16:50 PM
Attachments:	NPCA All Aboard Florida DEIS Comment November 2014.pdf

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Dear Mr. Winkle:

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association, please find the attached comments in support of the All Aboard Florida initiative. After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, we believe the project will have positive environmental benefits for the state and our treasured national parks. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about NPCA's position.

Thank you and best regards,
Cara

Cara Capp
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(305) 546-6689 (cell)

From: chrispbarry@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Support for All Aboard Florida
Date: Sunday, September 21, 2014 10:38:27 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

While I can understand the concern for safety with the trains that will hopefully be running as part of All Aboard Florida I am of the opinion that these concerns can be addressed in a thoughtful and comprehensive manner. The long term positives of the project which include, but are not limited to, reducing personal vehicle travel will provide a much more sustainable mode of transportation in Florida.

I am in full support of All Aboard Florida.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Chris Barry
830 Flamingo Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

From: Chuck Robuck
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Support of All Aboard Florida
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 9:40:14 AM

I want to express my complete support for All Aboard Florida.

The passenger rail service they propose to provide will be significant step forward in providing travelers an alternative to already overcrowded highways and airports.

Thanks for this opportunity to submit my input.

Chuck
(916) 663-2716

From: Bryan Murley
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: support of project
Date: Monday, September 22, 2014 6:44:06 PM

I live in Tampa. I support the high speed rail project and look forward to an extension to Tampa.

From: Doug Mackenzie
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Take it out of town
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 10:07:25 AM

Thirty some trains thru Stuart and confusion circle would shut down the town. Just take it out of town.

Doug MacKenzie
2929 se ocean
121-1
Stuart Fl

From:	Grant Ashcroft
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	Grant Ashcroft
Subject:	The all aboard florida train - Federal Administration draft - Environmental impact statement on High-Speed Passenger Service
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 12:03:38 PM

Dear Sirs,

We would like to register our opinion, complaints and comments on the All Aboard Florida Train that's planning to run through the Treasure Coast of Florida. We've lived here in Stuart for for over twenty five years, and consider it an absolutely great place to call home. Through the years most people in Stuart have tolerated the multiple, daily FEC trains. We've come to accept the occasional traffic back-ups during the day and the horn, crossings and bridge noises at night.

Hearing about the plans for 32 high speed passenger trains blasting through Stuart, along with greatly increased freight train traffic simply breaks our hearts. We will receive no benefits from all these passenger trains. (which aren't needed, and will likely end up unprofitable.) We'll be hurt even more as the planned increased number of freight trains grow longer in length. This is a completely terrible idea. Everyone I speak with is very concerned with the numerous negative impacts this will have on the quality of life we and thousands of others enjoy here on the Treasure Coast. We have very real concerns about the negative impact this train will have on real estate values, in addition to increased noise and air pollution. Even more troubling are the huge problems it will cause with the police, fire and ambulance emergency services.

Allowing this high speed train to proceed as planned is simply allowing some disengaged Investment Company to potentially profit at the great expense of thousands and thousands of Florida residents living along the Treasure Coast. Residents who have worked hard to make this a great place to call home, and who don't want to see their quality of life diminished. Please consider reevaluating the Federal Railroad Administration draft on the environmental impact of the high-speed passenger rail service and look at alternatives such as running this service through lower density areas. There certainly has to be a better solution.

Thanks for listening.

Grant and Carol Ashcroft

The Ashcrofts
624 SW Saint Lucie CR #204
Stuart FL 34994

From:	Lori Knerick
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	The environmental impacts of the All Aboard Florida project were based on plans at 30% design - please deny the permit and ask for a public hearing.
Date:	Saturday, November 29, 2014 2:11:59 PM

My Name: Lori Knerick

My Email: laknerick@yahoo.com

My Address:

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Sincerely,
Lori Knerick

From:	S H Rawe
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	The environmental impacts of the All Aboard Florida project were based on plans at 30% design - please deny the permit and ask for a public hearing.
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 9:15:31 AM

My Name: S H Rawe

My Email: shrawe@netzero.com

My Address:

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From:	Karl Rich
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	The environmental impacts of the All Aboard Florida project were based on plans at 30% design - please deny the permit and ask for a public hearing.
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 5:39:24 PM

My Name: Karl Rich

My Email: kritr4@bellsouth.net

My Address:

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Sincerely,
Karl Rich

From:	Marilyn Muller
To:	AAF_Comments_Reply
Subject:	The environmental impacts of the All Aboard Florida project were based on plans at 30% design - please deny the permit and ask for a public hearing.
Date:	Sunday, December 7, 2014 2:41:28 PM

My Name: Marilyn Muller

My Email: marilynmuller@comcast.net

My Address:

3308 Cove Road
Jupiter FL 33469

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Sincerely,
Marilyn Muller

From:	Melanie Popper
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	The environmental impacts of the All Aboard Florida project were based on plans at 30% design - please deny the permit and ask for a public hearing.
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 3:51:08 PM

My Name: Melanie Popper

My Email: m90039@bellsouth.net

My Address:

2000 S. Ocean Dr., Apt. 706
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

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From:	Katherine Kenney
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	The environmental impacts of the All Aboard Florida project were based on plans at 30% design - please deny the permit and ask for a public hearing.
Date:	Friday, November 28, 2014 7:45:31 PM

My Name: Katherine Kenney

My Email: kkenney42@gmail.com

My Address:

2895 SW Brighton Way
Palm City, FL 34990

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Sincerely,
Katherine Kenney

From: BDSachs@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: The fatality of the East Coast corridor
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:55:07 AM

Dear Sirs or Madams:

In July 2007, at the relatively young age of sixty three (63), I had my first and only heart attack due to a 100% blockage of my right coronary artery. The EMT's were at our home in Citrus Springs within five minutes of our 911 call. They had me en route to the IR Medical center within 5 minutes of their arrival and called ahead to alert the cardiac unit we'd be arriving in a few minutes. I was being treated with IV medicines and closely monitored along the way, while actively protesting that it was impossible for me to be having a heart attack as I rode my bike 15-20 miles each day and had an athlete's heart and excellent blood pressure.

The EMT assured me that I was in cardiac arrest and shared vital information with the driver and hospital as we made our way there with sirens blaring. Our route took us north on 43rd Avenue to Aviation were we headed east to US-1. We passed by the airport and were only a minute or two away from the hospital and the life saving team that waited us when the unthinkable happened. A train had approached the intersection we needed to cross in order to enter US-1 and blocked our only route. I remember the EMT's agonizing frustration and him telling me to "hang in there" for the agonizingly long 3-4 minutes it took for the tracks to become crossable. By this time I was passing in and out of consciousness due to my brain being deprived of blood and oxygen.

By the time they got me into the ER my wife tells me that I was experiencing heavy convulsions and seizures. But this would turn out to be my lucky day for several reasons. Duke University had opened its special cardiac wing at the Vero Beach Hospital only six months earlier so I didn't have to travel the extra distance to Sebastian or Ft. Pierce. Dr Greenstein, (or Greenberg) the Duke University cardiac specialist was available and awaiting my arrival. In spite of the 4 minute train delay, I was at the hospital within about 30 minutes from the onset of my heart attack. Because I received such rapid treatment, I suffered less than a 1% damage to my heart. After a 4 day stay, I was released and have enjoyed an active life without any further heart problems. How differently things could have ended had I not gotten treatment so quickly.

I remember many times since moving here in 2004, driving to the beach, only to get to the railroad crossing and waiting as one of the 400 car freight trains made its way down the tracks. I think their schedule back then was a train every two hours. I rented a home for a while that was only a quarter mile west of the tracks near Oslo Road. It didn't matter that 95% of the residents were fast asleep. The train whistle still blasted its sleep-interrupting warning as it passed by every two hours. With the proposed passenger trains coupled with the freight trains, how many people will have agonizing, life threatening waits as they try to get from the western side of the tracks to the hospital on the east side? How many people will have their tranquil evenings shaken awake with added whistle blasts? With the average age of residents already elderly and getting older every day, do you think the incidents similar to mine will increase or decrease? How many lives will be put at unnecessary risk by the train service running on the East Coast Corridor, blocking ambulances on their life or death runs to the ER? How many unlucky lives will be lost due to this horrible decision to run the trains on tracks sure to cost families there loved ones? I implore you to reconsider.

I could understand using the East corridor if bridges could be built for cars to pass over the tracks or the reverse with train bridges passing over roads, but I doubt that is a possibility. The safest, least peace disturbing, and most sensible route is one that runs adjacent to I-95. Please make that your choice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry J. Sachs

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Vero Beach, FL 32968
(772) 567-3525

From: mpnoll@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: The final word
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 5:36:35 PM

I've been reading all about AAF and the proposed additional rail line and increased rail traffic through what is now a heavily populated area of Florida's East Coast. That statement pretty much sums up the situation. The East coast from Palm Beach up though Vero Beach is no longer a lightly populated area where an occasional train did not disturb many people. This area's population is growing. The number of people affected by your decision is increasing. If allowed, the future will bring howls of protest over the bad decision that allowed the building of this line through this area.

It is time to realize that any low speed, high speed, freight or any other rail traffic is past for this area, there are just too many people affected. The proposed rail traffic can easily be handled along the I-95 corridor. That is were it should be and needs to be.

Michael Noll
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Palm City, FL

From: Jean-Claude Nicolas
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: The Pointe at Delray Condo
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 7:03:44 AM

Our community sits approximately 50 ft from the tracks. My unit is about 50 yards from this potential nightmare of a train. Currently, my windows rattle when the train goes by. Our community will require soundproof windows and a higher wall to create an acceptable buffer. I don't see how a 4' wall can provide ample auditory diffusion for our little and mostly peaceful community. Your consideration is appreciated.

Jean-Claude Nicolas
440S-128

From: Robert Puglisi
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: The residents of the Treasure Coast do not want your cursed train!
Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014 5:04:25 PM

From: joann tomich
To: john.winkle@dot.gov
Subject: The stupid All Aboard Train!
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 8:30:53 AM

I have lived in Martin Co/Palm City for 31 years. The idea of putting 32 trains a day, plus freight trains, (amount to be increased also) beside or near our existing railroad tracks is absolutely horrifying. Our train bridge would have to stay closed during most of our day light and that would be in violation of Federal Maritime law. The US intercoastal system goes under our Stuart railroad bridge. That would make use of the inter coastal system limited to night time only. 9pm to 8am. This is unbelievable. This project is an abomination. Drop this project. The only hope you have is to put it in the middle of the state, and it would still go over the intercoastal system, so you'll have to build an elevated "high" speed train bridge. ALSO, since no passenger train in the USA is profitable I doubt seriously if your's will be profitable. It's all about the freight isn't it!!!! Joann Tomich

From:	Stuart Gollinger
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	Congressman Patrick E. Murphy
Subject:	The Terrible Harm All Aboard Florida Will Do To the Treasure Coasy
Date:	Tuesday, October 28, 2014 1:43:16 PM

To : Federal Railroad Administration

All Aboard Florida trains will do terrible harm to the real estate industry in Martin County and to the thousands of residents in Martin County whose homes will lose millions and millions of dollars in value caused by the noise, vibrations and disruption to traffic on the Treasure Coast, including the prevention of ambulances, firefighters, police and other first responders from being able to meet their obligations in a timely manner.

It should be noted that when the market values of the homes of those thousands of residents plummet below the current values of their mortgages, as a result of the disruption caused by the trains rumbling through their neighborhoods in Stuart, Hobe Sound and elsewhere in South Florida, the residents may very well just walk away from their mortgage obligations, which will put this State (and Federal Government) back where they were in
2006-2009 when banks were left holding the bag with respect to their many oversold mortgages to those who could not afford to pay them. Those banks will then need a major bailout from the Federal Government just to survive. And all of this unnecessary expense and upheaval will be just because a few private corporations think they can make money running passenger and freight trains on the Florida East Coast Railway train tracks through the heart of many towns on the Treasure Coast of Florida.

To say this is just a private matter, as the Florida Governor has stated on a number of occasions, is simply just a misguided statement, because the fact is, the harm that will be done to the people, wildlife and environment of the Treasure Coast of Florida will definitely be a public matter. And finally, as a private venture, All Aboard Florida will constitute a public nuisance to all of the people, wildlife and environment on the Treasure

Coast of Florida, leading to the destruction of the quality of life for all of them.

Thank you.

Stuart Gollinger
Port St. Lucie, FL

From: jerry_walters@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: the train issue
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 10:02:43 AM

My husband and I are opposed to All Aboard Florida. The slow-speed coastline corridor is totally wrong for high-speed trains. Dr. and Mrs. Jerry C. Walters

From: Jimmy Hodges
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: The Train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 8:47:32 AM

The planned All Aboard Florida train from Miami to Orlando may be a good thing for the people in those cities, but what about those of us on the Treasure Coast? It is detrimental on several levels!
Our quality of life is at stake here. If you lived here you would know that and do all you could to keep that from happening.
What we are really talking about here is a freight train! One that will expedite cargo coming through the Panama Canal as it expands. Anyone who has researched trains knows that passenger trains lose money. To have us believe this train is good as a passengers train is not realistic. We all know better!
The impact on the Treasure Coast will be devastating!
Our towns will die because of the damage done to our environment. People come here to enjoy the rivers and lagoons which make us one of the most desirable fishing areas. Our boating industry is big here.
Closed bridges and railroad crossing cost not only time but in some case will cost lives!
Property values will plummet!
Presently there is no good reason for this train to come through the Treasure Coast.
Look for another route! Think ahead before it is too late!

From: Suzy
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: The Train
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 6:23:11 PM

I just wanted to register my families objections to AAF. We live in a community of RT 1 in Winter Beach called Antilles. We moved here from Massachusetts 3 years ago and love the quality of life and the peace and calm. We knew a train was near by but it was described as a freight train then ran mostly thru the night.

I feel that no pun intended but we are being railroaded into having something with nothing but drawbacks to us. There is nothing for us to gain by having the train.

I have gone to private meetings by AAF and have heard what they have to say. It does not make sense. There is no passenger train in this country that makes money and they think they are the whole grail? I am concerned about the environment but if that would be a concern why wouldn't you use a route that is farther out to start to develop businesses rather than kill the ones that are there.

Why is it only now that people and government officials are starting to look into this route. It is probably to late that AAF will even consider but please do something fair and logical that does not just benefit one greedy company with shady
motives.

Sincerely,
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6655 Martinique Way, Vero Beach, Florida 32967

From: Deedee Lamm
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: The Train
Date: Friday, October 31, 2014 2:36:05 PM

I now live in St Lucie West. Previously we lived in Vero Beach where we still work and regularly see friends and family. We shop and dine in Stuart quite frequently.
This train will negatively effect most all of the East Coast north of Palm Beach. It will crowd major city intersections, it will slow emergency vehicles and it will not offer any positive influx for the Treasure Coast.
In short we don't want it or need it.

Deedee Lamm
353 NW Shoreline Circle
St Lucie West, FL 34986

Sent from my iPhone

Deedee

From: Tim Tomich
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com; Tim Tomich; Joann
Subject: the worst thing I have seen to ruin a nice place to live
Date: Friday, September 26, 2014 11:39:00 AM

This is really a bad joke that you are playing on the citizenry of Martin county are we on candid camera? Or perhaps you think that we are all that stupid . Number 1. Are traffic is already messed up with the current amount of trains .Your proposal would greatly increase A. The number of closings . B The number if closings on the saint Lucie river and the time waiting will be ridiculous and cause unsafe conditions because of the number of boats that would be jamming up all the time waiting for the bridge to open I heard ads about wait times at crossings but this does not pertain to the 100 year old rail road bridge in Stuart also the train would necessarily have to slow down because of the sharp turns in Stuart ,Rio and Jensen . C .The noise from the trains as they cross the bridge would be almost constant as the noise from the trains is heard all the way in Palm city .D The cost is to tax payers for absolutely NO BENEFIT to them. It only stands to ruin there current standard of living at their financial expense . E. Any one or any animal stands a greatly increased chance of being struck by a train FOR WHAT there is nothing positive about this abomination .Number 2 .I see this as the start of the down fall of part of Hobe sound and Stuart it will be similar to what happened in Stuart around the air port as it grew to big to be in the middle of an urban area. Real estate value s will go down and the areas along the track will turn into slums. All you need do is open your eyes and look at neighbor hoods where there is a air port or trains running through it the busier the tracks or airport the worse the neighbor hood. And we are given the privilege of paying for it . also we all know almost all passenger trains in existence are on welfare STOP THIS RIDICULOUS TRAIN THE CITIZENS OF MARTIN COUNTY HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN AND AVERY THING TO LOOSE

From:	Bonanti, Christopher
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	Edwards, Julie; Soule, Ali; Bonilla, Yvelisse (Yve)
Subject:	Third email with 200 support letters for the AAF project
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 4:30:53 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png SurveyReport-3960570-12-3-2014-C.PDF

Hello Mr. Winkle,

This is the third email with 200 support letters attached for the All Aboard Florida project.

Thank you,

Chris

Christopher Bonanti
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All Aboard Florida

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From: rbonnfire22@att.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: This is a relative small community with many senior residents who reside all year long.
Date: Monday, September 22, 2014 11:16:41 AM

This is a community consisting of a large population of senior residents, as well as younger families.
Emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks must cross, the railroad tracks several times daily to reach the western part of town where a large majority of the population live.

Please reconsider your plans for All Aboard Fl. as it would be a dangerous hazard for Stuart, Fl.

Thank You, Mrs. Bonnie Rogers

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Hamcdaniel1@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Thoughts on All Aboard Florida
Date: Thursday, November 27, 2014 7:39:10 PM

Thanks for your information regarding All-Aboard Florida. I do feel that the project has received an inordinately high rate of criticism recently. It is a potential alternative to driving on the highway that has the highest rate of fatalities per mile in the U.S.A.

I can see an advantage to potential passengers of this system with respect to time savings and convenience, even though there are no tracks between Cocoa and Orlando at present.

My feeling is that this system would not be the brunt of so much criticism if it were to offer service to intermediate points, so that all could benefit from it. We've not had any rail service in these areas for decades, and it would be a benefit to everyone. Amtrak, the Florida East Coast Railway and the State of Florida reached an agreement to operating passenger trains on the FEC tracks in March, 2012, but this was never reported publicly. I'm sure that funding is the basis for this lack of action, but Amtrak does provide good service to other parts of the country on the same budget.

I've suggested that AAF arrange to add one additional stop to each train in each direction; for instance, the first Southbound train daily would stop in Cocoa, the second in Melbourne, the third in Vero Beach, and the fourth in Port St. Lucie (serving Ft. Pierce and Stuart which could present parking and operational problems), and repeating the pattern for all trains in either direction each day. This would add 5 minutes to the running time of each train, and save $20 daily parking for your car if you want to fly to California from Orlando or sail to St. Thomas from Ft. Lauderdale, or to spend a day in Miami. This way, there would be benefit to the intermediate communities and would defuse the negative publicity.

I could see that AAF could carry out their plans using another right-of-way, such as the Turnpike easement or the old FEC right-of-way from Holopaw to Okeechobee, (if it still exists), then it would be a matter of concern to others. I see no reason to vacate the present FEC right-of-way, and hope that it will be used someday to carry passengers as Henry Flagler intended when he built the road. People would still protest if it were used as a hiking trail or anything else.

We could all benefit from rail passenger service. Please contact me if I may be of service.

Sincerely,
Haynes McDaniel
Vero Beach, FL

From:	Ryan, Stephen
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Town of Jupiter Island, FL Comments on AAF DEIS
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 2:40:04 PM
Attachments:	JUPITER ISLAND DEIS Comments.PDF

Mr. Winkle:

On behalf of the Town of Jupiter Island, FL, attached please find the Town's comments on the AAF DEIS. Should you have questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Stephen Ryan

Stephen M. Ryan
Partner

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From: Marilee Henneberger
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Traffic issues
Date: Friday, September 26, 2014 12:11:06 PM

I live in Palm Beach Gardens, a community that will be heavily impacted by the proposed AAF trains passing through. My main concerns are with the impacts all these trains will have on traffic problems along their route.

Even today, with existing trains, road closures cause extensive backups as motorists wait and idle at busy intersections, often extending back from and sometimes blocking crossings through other intersections. When added to current frequent bridge risings on the half hour on many of the same roads, traffic tie-up problems exist today. These problems will get worse, much worse, with all the proposed AAF trains running north and south through the same areas.

The railroad tracks pass through densely populated and trafficked SE Florida communities from Miami into the Treasure Coast. The trains run north to south, with most traffic running east to west. This means that east west traffic will be held up, delaying emergency vehicles, people driving to and from work, school buses, and everyone with business along the eastern corridor. Then of course, we have the problem of bridge raising for trains on the waterways, which will impede boat traffic in some areas.

What will happen, without any question, is impeded traffic, noise and danger without benefit of access [only 4 stations on the entire route?] to the trains by local communities. The impact of these trains are going to be strongly negative, not positive. If the idea being promoted is to aid and encourage tourism in south Florida, it should be noted that the trains will bypass the communities that might benefit.

I would also like to point out that the Tri-Rail system operates between West Palm Beach and Miami, which has numerous stops along the way. AAF does not connect with it, which I consider bad planning. What about the inevitable redundancies?

If only AAF had found a way to travel from Miami to Orlando using a more westerly route, I might have been able to strongly support the concept of high speed train travel in Florida. As it exists, however, I am strongly opposed to All Aboard Florida because of the many problems it cause in the densely populated corridor the trains will pass through.

Marilee Henneberger
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

From: Len Wilson
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train ! ! !
Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014 5:58:19 PM

As a unit owner and resident of Vista Royale, which is directly effected by the increased in rail traffic, and will be subject to the full brunt of the noise pollution, and the separation from emergency services, located west of the RR tracks, I and many of the 2200 residents and voters in this community ask the commission reconsider the request from AAF, and denies all applications..We are in full support of our Board of Directors resolution.

. Len Wilson, 88 Crooked Tree Lane Vero Beach, FL 32958--

From: Sue Docktor
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train damage to Treasure Coast
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 5:03:29 PM

Dear Mr. Winkle,
Please do not approve the proposed plan for All Aboard Florida. To use taxpayer money for absolutely no benefit to the Treasure coast would be a disgrace. Not only can the Treasure coast not use this train but it will devastate the communities by lowering property values, bring traffic to a halt and possibly create a dangerous condition by inhibiting police and rescue vehicles from being able to enter and exit the barrier island.

I reside on "North Hutchinson " Island in St. Lucie Country. We have one method of ingress and egress from the Island to the mainland within 20 miles of my residence. That access is across a draw bridge which is immediately adjacent to one railroad track. All of this presents a barrier before I can reach the mainland and US 1. With 32 trains going by downtown Fort Pierce would be inaccessible. Especially when there is only one track available to them. In order to resolve this impediment The tracks would have to be moved so that the tracks go over or under the road. If the present project is approved and a train(s) is/are on the track there is no hospital within 20 miles of my residence making emergency vehicles blocked from entering or exiting the island.

There is no benefit to anyone on the island and only detriment. Taxpayers should not be asked to pay for private enterprise to benefit and inconvenience us or worse damage our property value and our lifestyle. Thank you in advance for denying the request for All Aboard Florida.

Sincerely, Susan A. Docktor

3100 North Highway A1A Apt PHA1
fort Pierce Florida 34949

From: Dean Baumgartner
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com; john.winkle@dot.gov
Subject: Train Derailed immediately before the St Lucie River Train Bridge in 2004
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 10:48:54 AM

The AAF lied and omitted so much from their report…
Imagine if the derailment had only been another ¼ mile down the track… on the bridge crossing in Stuart… the potential for chemical spills in our rivers is real. Imagine if the contents in the overturned train derailment in 2004 were chemical instead of the stated 100 tons of rock???
Certainly with more trains on the tracks the potential is much greater!
STOP THE GOD DAMN TRAIN!!! We don't need more issues.

31 cars of 180-car train derail in Florida on Sat. night

(Stuart, Florida) July 26, 2004 - Authorities are investigating a train derailment in Florida after 31 cars in the middle of a 180-car train derailed 40 miles north of West Palm Beach on Saturday night.

As a result the route between Jacksonville and Miami has been closed but is expected to re-open Monday.

Officials say each of the derailed cars contained 100 tons of rock.

Witnesses like Bill Fulton were alerted when they heard unusually loud noises coming from the tracks, "It sounded like the train was coming right through our house, so I quickly ran to the window to see what was happening, and what I saw was kinda strange. There were sparks flying all over the place, and the train had just jumped the track, and as I was watching all of the trains just started collapsing like an accordion. It was really something."

No injuries have been reported.

posted 10:42am by Chris Rees

Dean Baumgartner

20 Banyan Rd
Stuart, FL 34996

From:	Karen Viener
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	floridanotallaboard@gmail.com
Subject:	Train Expansion
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 1:00:45 PM

We are being Gruberized!

The proposed plan for passenger rail service, called All Aboard Florida, is a cynical effort to snooker the people of the beautiful Treasure Coast. I suspect it is actually a Trojan horse for the real goal of increasing freight traffic, due to the widening of the Panama Canal.

Fact: There is no clamoring demand for passenger rail service between Orlando and Miami, and no money in it (only Amtrak on the northeast corridor makes money).

Normal life and commerce will be severely disrupted for citizens and boaters in the transversed communities.

Relocating rail traffic to the west where it belongs and the emerging concept of making the current right of way a green way (rails to trails), would be a once in a lifetime opportunity, and deserving of a government subsidy.

The All Aboard Florida advocates are counting on the "stupidity of the (Treasure Coast) people" and "lack of transparency" to get their "passenger concept" approved so that when it "fails" service can be swapped out for freight. We should not allow it.

Sincerely,

Karen Viener

From: bhahnski@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train in Florida
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 12:34:46 PM

I live in Port Saint Lucie, Florida and feel the "All Aboard Florida" proposed train is a ridiculous idea in the path they have proposed. It WILL NOT benefit any of us here on the Treasure Coast and Space Coast, yet it is scheduled to pass through multiple times per day.

It will only create a lot of noise, pollution, and many inconveniences to everyone living here, working here, playing here, and/or vacationing here.

Why not put it in the middle of the state where it won't be a bother to anyone???????

Thank You!

Bonnie Hahn

From: Patricia Blumberg
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train is a NO
Date: Friday, September 26, 2014 3:51:57 PM

All aboard Florida will be a disaster to those who live by the railroad tracks. Move this train idea to the central area of Florida that already has tracks. You will be decreasing real estate value all along this route if it runs. PLEASE do as the voters want and move the course!

From: Gerald Wilgus
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train objection
Date: Monday, November 10, 2014 7:54:33 PM

This is for the record. I am opposed to the All Aboard train running thru Vero Beach for several reasons:

1. 32 trains/ day is more than one per hour in addition to the other train traffic which necessities closing the crossing. Although the literature claims that it takes only one minute for the train to pass a crossing, it does not consider the time it takes to have the train crossing prepare for the actual train crossing the tracks. Vero Beach is a vibrant community and the frequent crossing is definitely a safety hazard in addition to the aggregation it will add to local citizens.

2. The tracks are not suitable for high speed trains. The cost of retro-fitting the tracks cannot be an advantage. The train going through the middle of the state west of I95 makes more sense as freight already runs on those tracks.

3. The noise from the trains cannot be diminished. We live less than a mile away from the tracks and can still hear the current running trains. We don't want to hear them 24/7.

4. People try to outrun the train now by going around the gates. What will happen when there are high speed trains?

These trains have absolutely no advantage to Vero Beach and other communities in its path. I object to it strongly. Why would you try to split so many small towns along the coast in half by running these trains? The few jobs that may be created are in Miami and Orlando. Another no advantage to Vero Beach. Surely, there is a more direct route than on the coast.

Thank you,
Gerald Wilgus
Sent from my iPad

From: Sharon Colonis
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train Project
Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014 10:12:40 AM

As a resident of Florida and unit owner at Vista Royale, which is directly effected by the increase in rail traffic, and will be subject to the full brunt of the noise pollution, and the separation from emergency services, located west of the RR tracks, I and many of the 2200 residents and voters in this community ask the commission reconsider the request from AAF, and denies all applications..We are in full support of our Board of Directors resolution.

Sharon Colonis 80 Crooked tree Lane, Vero Beach, Florida

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved That the Vista Royale Board of Directors, representing a senior community of 1512 condos in Indian River County, bordering Route 1 and the current railroad tracks, is overwhelmingly against the All Aboard Florida proposal to add tracks allowing up to 32 passenger trains a day, travelling at high speeds, very close to our community. There are presently 3 railroad crossings (Oslo Road, 1st Street and 4th Street) that will be directly affected by the planned tracks and trains, limiting our access to emergency services, shopping and daily travel throughout Indian River County, as well as the safety issues associated with the additional trains.

Residents of Vista Royale are presently disturbed by the existing train noise throughout the day and night, and any additional trains and noise associated with them will only exacerbate this level of disturbance and severely limit our peaceful use of the many outdoor activities we currently enjoy. We are also concerned that Vista Royale's properties will decline in value because of the diminished access to our community and the increased noise generated by the high speed trains.

We request you utilize all of your efforts to STOP THIS TRAIN PROJECT FROM GOING FORWARD.

From: padregeh@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train Service from Miami to Orlando
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 12:23:26 PM

I would like to go on record opposing the current plan to have the railroad from West Palm Beach to Cocoa and then to Orlando. There will be a considerable impact on the Treasure Coast as itFlor is an area where people from the cities and the North live in a relaxed environment. Passenger and freight trains will disrupt the residents near the railroad and the tranquility of the area as well as our parks.

I am supportive of high speed rail between Miami and Orlando. It could be an advantage to those living in the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Orlando areas. The Federal Government should support high speed rail along the Florida Turnpike. It could make travel even faster for higher speed trains could use the current tracks. The current roadbed through Jupiter, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and Vero Beach could be made into a greenway for cyclists, walkers, and joggers.

You have already received hundreds of comments from local citizens. The comments should be taken seriously as the people have spoken.

From: Brian Ducharme
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train thru Jupiter
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 7:56:29 PM

Dear John Winkle,
We own property on the Loxahatchee River and boat a lot. We are very concerned with the train bridge openings. We NEED access to the inlet and the ocean!

Brian Ducharme

From:	Ken"s
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	Gail Barackman
Subject:	Train traffic in Stuart
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 8:58:45 AM

I do not think that the issues (negative impact) that increased train traffic in downtown Stuart caused have been addressed.

Access to the hospital

Impact on downtown dinning and shoping

Boating and real estate negative impact.

Ken Barackman
561-445-7290
744 NW Spruce Drive
Stuart Fl 34994

From: e yeto figure out what to do with them
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: train traffic
Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 9:00:23 AM

Please consider the extremely negative impact of the proposed 'All Aboard' train traffic to the Jensen Beach/Rio area. There appear to be alternative train tracks that could be used rather than the outmoded 1920/30's bridges and crossing systems that service the Jensen Beach/Rio train corridor. Safety of the high speed trains AND the local community must be paramount in any decision made.

Christine Zwinscher
Palm Circle Park
Jensen Beach FL

From: eileen keyser
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 8:30:21 PM

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a. please have clean workable wheelchair assessable bathrooms

b. """"assign seats next to the restrooms for persons in or use wheelchairs and their assistants """"

c. please note, its very difficult getting in and out of wheelchairs from aisle seats

d. its difficulty to navigate wheelchairs the chairs through the aisles and from car to car

thanks Eileen Keyser

From: Tom Ryan
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Monday, October 27, 2014 5:01:47 AM

Keep your train !!

Sent from my iPad

From: James T
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: TRAIN
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 11:07:01 AM

Mr. Winkle

Could you and the representatives making the decisions that are going to affect the quality of lives of the citizens and visitors of the Treasure Coast please come down and take a train ride to understand what is about to happen to our paradise?

TRY GETTING AWAY FROM YOUR DESK AND SEE FOR YOURSELF .

THANK YOU

DAVID TODD
8294 SE LAGOON DRIVE
HOBE SOUND, FL 33455

772-245-8004

From: Gayle Othmer
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Monday, November 3, 2014 9:13:48 PM

I have only one question. What is Vero getting out of having this train going through? If you can explain to me what or how this will be good for our community, maybe then, but not now.

Gayle Othmer

2126 31 Ave.

Vero Beach

32960

From: Nancy Silverberg
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Saturday, November 8, 2014 9:55:04 AM

I am writing to voice my opinion on the All Aboard Florida train issue. I am very opposed to having the trains come through our town of Jensen Beach up to 32 times a day. This is a quiet small town area that will be ruined by such train traffic. This affects the car, foot, and boat traffic in our area. Please find another solution to this train in our area.

Sincerely,
Nancy Silverberg

From: Rick Drewes
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Sunday, November 9, 2014 7:33:56 AM

The high speed rail will ruin the quality of life on the Treasure Coast ! The train will also be a fast direct drug line between Miami and Orlando ! Thanks Rick Scott for helping another friend and stealing millions of dollars while raping Florida !!

Sent from my iPhone

From: James Kenyon
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Sunday, November 23, 2014 4:59:40 PM

Dear Sir, Madam,
I run a 153 ft motor yacht for a living, and up till now have gone to Lauderdale Marine Center for my bi-annual maintenance. I spend upwards of 900,000 dollars per year using the facility, using local contractors twice per year.
It is my understanding that train traffic on the new river may increase drastically in the future due to more trains using the tracks. It is already bad enough, and difficult navigating the river with current delays. It is very tricky getting up there and I am frequently delayed by train traffic as it is.
I consider it a hazard now due to currents and congestion. It is bearable now but if train traffic gets worse than it is now, I will most likely look to other facilities, perhaps up in Virginia, for my maintenance.
I felt I had to voice my concerns because it is already a bad situation. You will make it worse allowing more trains, and the local economy will lose my business.
Sincerely,
James Kenyon
Master, Motoryacht Argyll

Sent from my iPad

From: Dorothy Bernstein
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 2:08:49 PM

How many passengers are expected to ride trains ? Is it one passenger car or many cars. I do not understand a need to run 16 trains one way every day, there can not be than many passengers eager to go north/south every day all day. Those between Miami and West Palm are not potential passengers?

Dorothy Bernstein
Delray Beach.

From: Patricia Noonan
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 7:48:50 AM

The State of Florida and the federal government should not allow the railroad to RUIN FOREVER the smaller communities along the Treasure Coast.

Without exaggeration, those trains would ruin the economies and the way of life in these areas. Access to the hospital would be delayed and our towns would be paralyzed. Please protect us!

Patricia Noonan
6401 se Inlet Way
Stuart, FL 34996

Sent from my iPad

From: Rich
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 1:35:32 PM

I live in Port St. Lucie and and do not want the train to go to be going by here many times a day as I live near some railroad tracks.
I think the idea is sound however move the tracks out of the city limits in Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. Moving the tracks east or west of the city limits would make everyone want to vote this in I realize it's an expense to do that but we all would be in favor of the train if you did not run right through our city 10 to 20 times a day inconveniencing the residence and the automobile drivers.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Betty May
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 3:07:57 PM

I live in Rio Florida. We are already forced to wait 15,20 minutes during busy times of day waiting for the train to pass.. If you go ahead with your plans as they stand, we will have no means to leave Rio, or being lucky enough to get through, its misery getting back. If the tracks went west out of West Palm Beach, it would eleviate a lot of the problems. Our railroad infrastructure is old and not in good shape. We had a train go off the track in Stuart. You will be taking a large part of the heart of Stuart. I'm sure the owners of this new venture (the Disney boys) don't give a darn about us, but if this goes through, its going to cause a lot of misery.

From: Len & Donna
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 11:28:44 PM

I oppose the all aboard Florida train. It will create a safety hazard for first responders. Will hinder marine traffic. Will be an environmental hazard. There has not been an honest impact statement. Also the possibility of a increase of freight trains will devastating to the economy of the treasure coast.

The tracks should be moved west, out of the way of the populated areas.

From: SAdams8174@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 6:54:09 AM

AAF,

This is a bad idea, running the train through the Treasurecoast communities. The train should verr inland from Palm Beach to Indiantown, Fellsmere on on to Orlando. This would accommodate the freight along with passenger and help these inland towns. Steve Adams

From:	Maggie Krieger
To:	john.winkle@dot.gov
Cc:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Train
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 8:10:03 AM

As a resident of Port St Lucie for more than 20 years we do not want this train coming thru here> I does nothing for us but cause congestion and more time spent waiting for the trains to go by. We also live on the water and go out thru the St. Lucie Inlet and under the train passage in Stuart, again more time spent waiting on bridges to be open. They can us the tracks that go thru the middle of the state or build their own tracks that don't effect millions of people a day. No one except for people from other countries here on vacation is going to use these tracks to go between Orlando and the south. we dont want these trains.

Maggie Krieger

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From: LColl666@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 11:00:51 AM

Please change route of train to follow I95 , do not ruin Vero Beach for no reason.

Lawrence Collins

From: Joey Email
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 12:01:06 PM

I'm opposed to this train coming through Martin County. It will block my access to the inlet by way of the railroad bridge. There is already a back up on the morning with the freight trains which hold up boaters 20 to 45 minutes. Come up with another route.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Joseph Burke
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: train
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 7:43:02 AM

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the selfish attitude of the people shoving this train on our respective communities is appalling. this is not about progress but rather greed on the part of the people pushing this. give it up ,the masses don't want it

From: Ronald Sides
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: TRAIN
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 10:04:14 AM

Since this train is not stopping in Ft. Pierce, Vero, or Melbourne. This makes in possible to run in the country
And not Disturb the Intercoastal area. There is a line in Okeechobee, Fl. to Palm Beach. Sorry but this is common sense!

From: leticia goff
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Train
Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014 8:50:14 AM

My vote is an absolute “NO “ Thank you

From:	Harold Lee
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Trains directed through the Treasure coast
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 10:24:52 PM

I am vigorously opposed to the proposed plan to direct the passenger trains through the cities between West Palm Beach and Cocoa, Florida. Even the freight trains should be limited to those that haul the freight destined for the East Coast communities.

Harold Lee

From: coedrohrer48@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com; coedrohrer48@aol.com
Subject: TRAINS IN PARADISE
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 9:54:46 AM

PLEASE.PLEASE, PLEASE.....DO WHAT YOU CAN TO STOP ALL THESE TRAINS COMING THRU OUR INDIAN RIVER/SEBASTIAN.....PARADISE.....ED ROHRER,SEBASTIAN FLORIDA.....

From: Richard Lemoi
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Trains in Sebastian ,
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 12:15:37 PM

I operate a cruise boat 7 days a week up the St.Sebastian River and building a new bridge over the St.Sebastian River would greatly interfere with my business of ecology tours. My tours are daily from 10:00 am until 4;00 pm. So by tying up the river with new bridge construction would hurt my business and probably put me out of business
Respectfully submitted

Captain Dick Lemoi
River Queen Cruises

Sent from my iPhone. Dick.

Apple's Crazy New Gizmo
Forget the iPhone 6. Next hit Apple product leaked. (see picture)
http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3141/547f44f51a36244f36304st01duc

From: jtdavisson@aol.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: trains through eastern route
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 7:50:12 AM

I cannot understand why All Aboard Florida would send its trains through the highly populated eastern corridor instead of taking the route that heads over to Okeechobee...lots more empty space.
I lived in Charleston, S.C. for about 6 months and they have numerous, so called, short trains going thru town throughout the day. It doesn't matter how short the trains are, it disrupts traffic tremendously...and 32 times a day in addition to regular long trains is a nightmare.
Between the trains and the bridges, getting around in Jupiter will be a challenge that can be fixed by changing the route. If it's not stopping in Jupiter, why send the trains through Jupiter?

Yes, I'm a long time resident of the area; however, my opposition is for the quality of life that my grandkids will have if this goes through without thought to how it will affect the towns along the way.

Jan Davisson

From:	Karl Thonnes
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Trains through Stuart
Date:	Monday, September 22, 2014 11:14:32 AM

Please ***scrap*** the plans to run 32 high speed trains through our city.
It is insane for several obvious reasons..

Thanks,

Karl Thonnes

Karl Thonnes/CEO

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From: hubank@msn.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Trains
Date: Saturday, November 29, 2014 3:33:09 PM

BAD IDEA !!! Going through small towns, over waterways and blocking local roads is a BAD IDEA. You guys got to go with plan #2 using the westward route or follow the turnpike. You have a chance to do this right by paying more upfront for the westward path. You will be held responsible for the damage done to our neighborhoods. Make the right decision. Stay west.....

From: Judith Tarby
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: TRAINS
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 1:57:29 PM

Dear John,

The trains do not, I REPEAT, DO NOT BELONG, meandering through our small towns causing tremendous traffic jams and noise.

The trains need to go out west away from the major population!

Be rest assured I am not alone in my sentiments.

Make the right decision for the people!

From: Vera Parkes Casselbury
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: trains
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2014 1:15:16 PM

I am opposed to All Aboard due to the impact it will have on the quality of life in the Treasure Coast. I suggest that the tracks that run along the Bee Lime in W Palm be used to route trains away from the heart of the cities.

From: Hollis Cavner
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Trains
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 8:19:18 AM

I wanted to comment about the proposed addition of 32 new trains per day coming thru Tequesta and Jupiter.
As a business owner who owns a building very close to the tracks I am very concerned about the noise level of 32 additional trains per day whether they are passenger or freight.
This will impact my resale value dramatically according to the top commercial realtors in town.
Second as a homeowner in Jupiter the congestion caused on Indiantown
And Center street will be a nightmare trying to get to the interstate or anywhere else West of the tracks.
Third as a boater who fishes the Loxahatchee all the time the back up at the bridge is horrible now so what is it going to be like when the train company pulls this crap.
Hollis Cavner
758 N highway us 1
Tequesta
Sent from my iPhone

From: THOMAS G. ROBSON
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: TRAINS
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 6:30:33 PM

I MUST WRITE TO SAY HOW DISTRESSED I AM TO THINK OF THE DAMAGE THESE DAILY TRAINS WILL HAVE ON THE WAY OF LIFE KNOWN TO US IN STUART, FL.: ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, NOISE POLLUTION, UNDESCRIBABLE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, WHICH WILL MAKE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS HORRIFIC!! OUR TRAFFIC PATTERNS ARE NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE ANNOYANCE, INCONVENIENCE AND DANGER OF SO MUCH ADDITIONAL TRAIN TRAFFIC. OUR STREETS WERE NOT DESIGNED TO HAVE SUCH AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF DAILY TRAINS RIPPING THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY.

ON ANOTHER NOTE, THERE IS MUCH DANGER & INCONVENIENCE FOR BOATERS TRYING TO MANIPULATE THE WATERWAYS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED WITH BRIDGES DOWN SO OFTEN. SO MANY MARINERS FROM THE WEST SIDE OF THE STATE USE OUR STUART WATERWAYS TO CROSS THE STATE TO GO TO THE BAHAMAS AND EAST COAST INTRACOASTAL WATERWAYS. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE COAST GUARD WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE, PLEASE THINK ABOUT YOUR FELLOW MAN RATHER THAN THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR. THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS AVAILABLE WITH MOVING THE TRACKS WEST AND STILL PROCEEDING WITH THE PLANS FOR ALL THIS NONSENSE. NO STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT PASSENGERS USING THAT MANY TRAINS.

RESPECTFULLY, A CONCERNED CITIZEN,
THOMAS ROBSON
3282 SE FAIRWAY W
STUART, FL 34997

From:	Rebecca Sands
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	trains
Date:	Sunday, November 9, 2014 8:26:57 PM

This is to inform you we are not for the high speed trains running through our community of Micco, FL.
"Maybe" if there wasn't going to be so many trains running daily it wouldn't be so bad.
Do you have any idea or do you care what it will do to our property values?
I will tell you this,the state of Florida is going to pay for it in the long run when our property values
plummet and their real estate taxes fall of drastically.
We do not believe you will have enough ridership on the trains to warrant all of the trains you plan you propose.
This is our opinion and our way of speaking out against your high speed trains running through our
neighborhoods on the east coast of Florida.
Robert & Rebecca Sands
7556 Niantic Ave.
Micco, FL 32976

From: Kay Balciuliskay
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: trains
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 11:30:23 AM

Dear Sirs,

We have enough trouble getting through the round abouts that go through the tracks here in Stuart and Jensen Beach with out 32 more trains going through. We are opposed to All Aboard Florida. Kay and Charlie Balciulis

From:	Linda Amidon
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Trains
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:16:50 AM

Hi, I live in Hobe Sound, FL, about 400 yards from the tracks. As it is I have to close the windows or turn the sound on my TV up to a crazy level when trains go by. To add so much to the traffic on the tracks, I don't think I can live here anymore because of the noise.
I really do think, on balance, that the trains will lower the quality of life of thousands in the communities that are affected, compared to the number of daily ticket holders.
Thanks for listening to my voice, before it is drowned out by the trains.
Respectfully,
Linda Amidon, Hobe Sound

From: Janet
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Trains
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 11:05:56 PM

I am very much against the All Aboard Florida trains coming through Stuart, FL. I live in a small, peaceful community and wish to keep it that way. If an emergency occurred at my home, I would have to cross the tracks to get to the nearest hospital and time would be of the essence. Waiting on a train would delay getting treatment. These trains are not a good fit for our community. I do not want these trains coming through Stuart, FL. Please stop All Aboard Florida now!

Janet J. Carson

From: Nancy Cartier
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: trains
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 6:29:35 PM

How could Florida make such a stupid choice to devalue our rich tax paying properties by subjecting those of us who pay high taxes to live in peace. A foolish road to go down! It will further deflate our property values and quality of life!!!

From: Laddie
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: trains
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 9:29:26 AM

I am against having double tracts going through town because someone may not wait for a second train to pass in the other direction and get killed. This has happened!!! Please move the tracts west to the 95 or raise the tracts up in the air. Thanks.Alice Kruiten, Fort Pierce, FL

From: Sarah DiGiacomo
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: trains
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 4:44:05 PM

Please do not allow this intrusion of multiple trains per day to invade our lives. We have worked all these years, saved our money, and finally bought a home in Florida. We were looking for clean air, warm temps and the good life we thought we'd earned. Now if this is allowed to happen all of the space and treasure coast communities will suffers and our properties will not have the value we now have. We will also be put in danger of accidents at crossings, emergency vehicles delayed and the loss of peace and quiet. As it is we hear the rumble of the wheels on the tracks and the horns blowing and from what we understand we will soon have even more freight passing through. Say no to using these tracks.
The DiGiacomo's of Barefoot Bay, Fl.

From: Sarah DiGiacomo
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: TRAINS
Date: Monday, November 3, 2014 3:59:00 PM

We implore you to stop 32 passenger trains from ruining our peaceful life and degrading the value of our property. We live in Barefoot Bay, a community of almost 5 thousand residents, the majority elderly. We have worked all our lives to live in comofrt and safety. We will not be safe with that amount of increased traffic and barring our way out of here. There are to exit roads, both of which are crossed by the tracks, which often are blocked for 20 minutes or more by freight trains. The fire department, ambulance and EMTs are also on the west side of the tracks. The hospital is on the east side a few miles south. So near yet so far when the road is blocked. We will be imprisioned.

We ask that the trains be denied a loan and barred from increasing traffic on these tracks.

From: david systrom
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Trains
Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 12:59:24 PM

Our community of Port Salerno Florida will be seriously and negatively impacted by 32 additional trains holding up traffic 32 times a day with an appalling amount of noise from clattering wheels and horns .. . Our community has a hospital, nursing homes and assisted living facilities near the tracks and many homes whose residents treasure their r tranquility.. How anyone with a conscience can consider destroying our way of life is reprehensible.

Cynthia Systrom

Port Salerno, Fl

From: kmc305@cox.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: trains
Date: Friday, October 24, 2014 6:48:49 AM

The disruption to life, reduced property values due to noise, and safety concerns make this project irresponsible to citizens of Florida.
Stop the train by moving the tracks west of our towns.

Karen McMillan
Stuart, FL

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Elizabeth T Bright
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Treasue Coast & Trains
Date:	Monday, December 1, 2014 10:55:28 AM

The AAF trains and the repercussions of the 32 passenger trains daily going through the Treasure Coast will bring an end to the lifestyles of all who live there- This cannot happen-
and this is just the beginning as the Panama Canal is widened and Miami Harbor is dredged to deepen for the cargo ships from the East, the freight trains will be added to the AAF tracks -
Why aren't the train tracks in the middle of the state perfect for your needs, disturbing no one and a more efficient and direct route for trains from Miami to Orlando-
Lisa Bright
lbarton4@me.com

From: Mary caverly
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Treasure coast comments
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 11:31:16 AM

Why were the objections and study that was done on the Treasure Coast left out of the final report? The majority of the people living in that area oppose All Aboard Florida and it seems like they purposefully left that section of Florida out of their study. The number of freight trains that will be coming thru our small communities will have a terrible impact. I would like to see another report written to fairly represent everyone this project with affect. Mary Caverly

From: Fogarty, Nicole
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Treasure Coast Delegation joint letter regarding All Aboard Florida
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 2:24:23 PM
Attachments: List of Concerns for AAF.pdf
TC Delegation Letter Regarding AAF.pdf

Please see attachment. Thank you.

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From:	Mike Busha
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	John.winkle@dot.gov; pmerritt@tcrpc.org; Peter O"Bryan; "Milligan, Lauren"
Subject:	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Comments on All Aboard Florida Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 3:40:00 PM
Attachments:	9_AAF_DEIS(Final).pdf

Please find attached Council's comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the All Aboard Florida project. These comments were approved by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council at its November 21, 2014 meeting.

The report and attachments are being forwarded to you via email. Additional correspondence and resolutions from local governments, agencies, and elected officials related to the AAF project are included as supplemental material on Council's website at:

http://www.tcrpc.org/council_meetings/2014/NOV14/NOVAgenda.html

We will also forward to you via overnight delivery a CD containing all of these files.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Draft Environmental Impact Statement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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From:	Sanders, Steve
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	kcsoulhealer@aol.com
Subject:	TREASURE COAST TRAIN
Date:	Wednesday, October 29, 2014 10:43:20 PM

Sirs,

When is a person that has either been elected or appointed to a position where they are to serve the people going to actually serve the people? We've reached a point in time where it is no longer a government for the people and by the people. It is now a government for the corporations by the corporations. This is truly a plan that will benefit only a few, probably just the investors, while harming tens of thousands.

78 grade crossings alone should be enough information to know that this should be moved inland. The attractions to the Treasure Coast are the weather and water. Trying to get to the water will be maddening. Prospective real estate sales will be lost. This will increase traffic which is what we don't need.

What about emergency service vehicles? Whether it is fire protection or ambulance services, they will be delayed. How does that serve the people?

This just doesn't make sense and what's wrong with doing something sensible?

W. Steven Sanders
4633 SE Bridgetown Ct.
Stuart FL 34997

From: Joy moore
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Treasure coast
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 2:00:05 PM

Take it all out west along I95 lots of room easier less money and hassle for AAF make tracks a FEC walk-bike path thru fl

From: William Crocco
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Treasure coast
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 4:35:24 PM

Att: Mr. J. Winkle

Who are the beneficiaries of AAF? Certainly not the people residing on the Treasure coast of Florida. Have you ever been to St. Lucie Village in St. Lucie County? It is still like old Florida used to be, and the people of St. Lucie County would like it to remain that way. I live in Indian River County and whether I go to Church, a doctor or to visit someone in the hospital, I have to cross railroad tracks. It is not bad crossing now, but with 32 more trains daily, it certainly will be a challenge.

Since there is no benefit to the three Treasure coast counties (Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River), why not move the tracks in those 3 counties west of their current location where there are not as many residents and so much more barren land?

Yes, the present rails are used mostly for freight, but the increase in freight will increase dramatically in the next few years, as will the length of time one will have to wait at the rail crossings.

Please listen to the people of the Treasure coast and stop All Aboard Florida before it is too late.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Crocco

Sent from my iPad

From: Linda Morrissey
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Treasure coast
Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014 6:58:35 AM

I am finding the railroad appalling for the treasure coast area. We have two future projects going on that are not coinciding with each other
1 Crosstown parkway bridge
2 future thoughts of Walton road .psl bridge to hitching island
3 AAF
Questions
1 why not build a station at Walton road for treasure coast?
2 incorporate crosstown parkway with Walton rd future bridge with AAf station
3 if none of the above WHY NO STOP FOR TREASURE COAST??
4 SEVERE SAFETY issues for all homes and businesses near railroad tracks . ?
5 Maintaining railroad issues for tax payers?
6 noise levels everywhere?
7 Treasure Coast home sales will be driven down for those who live in area close to railroad and over loaded West Palm Beach with issues now (crime) levels will rise.
8 No seems to care about what the treasure coast thinks only when taxes will be raised to maintain the railroad but no home taxes will be lowered when the appraised value drops.
9 what about those who work on the islands (Nettles , Hutchinson etc Those people have to be delayed due to passing train??
I have heard No matter what the people say
YOUR PROJECT IS GOING THROUGH IT ALREADY HAS BEGUN.
Thank you for listening
LM

From: bbonnell@cfl.rr.com
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: unbearable train noise & vibration
Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 6:18:37 PM

I live near the tracks and already have the walls and windows vibrate and need to sleep with ear plugs. My life in my retirement home will be destroyed should AAF come to pass...

Bonnie Bonnell

This email is free from viruses and malware because avast! Antivirus protection is active.

From: Ann Wysock
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Unhappy with new train schedule
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 3:22:34 PM

We are very unhappy with the thought of any new trains going through the Treasure Coast. The train crossings in Stuart are heavily backed up with traffic currently and will even be worse when the snowbirds arrive for the winter. If you need to add trains from Orlando to West Palm Beach do it along the turnpike corridor, not in our backyards.

Very angrily yours,

Ann J Wysock

From:	Amanda Durham
To:	andrew.w.phillips@usace.army.mil
Cc:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	USACOA Public Notice
Date:	Friday, November 7, 2014 4:11:50 PM
Attachments:	US Army Corps Eng ltr 11-7-14 (2).pdf US Army Corps Eng ltr 11-7-14.pdf ec007 AAF DEIS Review.pdf

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Attached please find: Letter from Steven H. Gray, Esquire re: USACOA Public Notice with enclosure.

Thank you,

Amanda

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Thank you.

From: DCF
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com; John.winkle@dot.gov
Subject: USCG Public comment for All Aboard Florida
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 9:01:10 PM

Dear Sir,

As a Florida boater, I am concerned about the impact on both recreational boating and commerce from the significant additional bridge closings as a result of AAF eastern route to Orlando. I feel consideration should be given to using a western route along the CSX corridor. I am also in agreement with the MIATC position on this topic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Frick
dcf@frick9.com
215 514-0683

From: Ken Bradley
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com; John.Winkle@dot.gov
Cc: Floridanotallaboard@gmail.com
Subject: Use Amendment 1 Funds to acquire FECR Land & Create a Florida State Park Linear Greenway
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 3:43:25 PM

All Aboard Florida Proposed Route vs Alternative Routes and Creation of a Linear Greenway Florida State Park along the existing route using Amendment 1 Land Acquisition Trust Funds.

Amendment 1 alters SECTION 28. Land Acquisition Trust Fund to include:

> Effective on July 1 of the year following passage of this amendment by the voters (2015), and for a period of 20 years after that effective date, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents, as defined in the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, as amended from time to time, or any successor or replacement tax, after the Department of Revenue first deducts a service charge to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the excise tax on documents. b) Funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be expended only for the following purposes: 1) As provided by law, to finance or refinance: the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems; lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area and the Everglades Protection Area, as defined in Article II, Section 7(b); beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands. 2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(e). c) The moneys deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, as defined by the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, shall not be or become commingled with the General Revenue Fund of the state.

This is approximately $1 Billion Dollars a year for 20 years. Amendment 1 had approximately 75 percent "Yes" votes to 25 percent “No”. It needed 60 percent of the vote to pass. Florida Residents overwhelmingly passed this amendment.

This is an opportunity for the State of Florida to purchase the Florida East Coast Railway Land that runs directly through the centers of and bisects many cities and towns along the way and create a Linear Greenway State Park in its place. This will do more for the public use and enjoyment and the economies along the east coast of Florida than any other project or existing state park.

One alternative to accomplish this goal is to swap the FECR land for an easement along the I-95 or Florida Turnpike to re-direct the proposed All Aboard Florida Passenger Train and the existing Freight Traffic. Passenger trains could run on one side of the Corridor and Freight Trains on the other side or even an elevated High Speed Train down the center.

Other alternatives would be to use I-95 or Turnpike Corridor for passenger service only and use the existing CSX Tracks for freight. There also another very good alternative for freight that has been proposed and that is to use ocean going container ships to almost totally replace the need for freight trains.

One issue that has not yet received much press is the readiness of Local Disaster Response Teams along the proposed AAF Route and increased freight traffic that is sure to come. Are our Fire Departments, Police Departments and Hospitals prepared to handle a disastrous derailment of either a freight train carrying Hazardous Materials or a Passenger Train derailment at one of the 340 at grade crossings or bridges along the way? It is unlikely at this time that the smaller communities along the way are ready for such a disaster. How much will it cost the taxpayers to fund this requirement?

In conclusion, the best use of the FECR land at this time is for a State Park Linear Greenway with pedestrian and bicycle paths and various recreation amenities running almost the entire length of the state and would enhance the value of the land and buildings bordering the Greenway Park and increase local tax revenues. New uses for buildings and adjacent land along the Greenway Park and new businesses created will not only increase the tax revenue, it will also eliminate many blighted areas along the current FEC Railway Tracks.

BOTTOM LINE: All of the above alternative proposals will increase employment in Florida for many years to come as the improvements are made and local tax revenues will also increase dramatically.

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From: Jay and Patty Kamm
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Vehement Opposition
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 8:28:41 AM

Dear Staff of the Federal Rail Administration,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to All Aboard Florida's plan to run high speed trains through the Treasure Coast communities of Florida. By now you have heard countless concerns expressed by the citizens of this area, so I needn't re-state them here. However, please know that nothing good can come from this scheme, and a lot of damage to these communities will come about if this plan is allowed to go forward.

One corporation's ability to make money and its desire to make money should not be allowed to trump the widespread opposition to this project on the part of St. Martin and Indian River County residents. Please heed the admonitions of our county officials to review the draft Economic Impact Statement and see it for what it really is. Stop this thing in its tracks. Please.

James J. Kamm
5040-101 Harmony Circle
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From: Ms Patricia G Tifft
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Vero Beach
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 8:32:16 PM

I live in South Vero Beach not far from Route 1 and the AAF proposed fast trains from Miami to Orlando.There are gates and track crossings in Vero Beach at Highland Ave, Oslo Rd, 1st St, 4th St, 8th St, 12th St, 17th St, 20th St, 21st St, 23rd St, 26th St, Aviation Blvd, 41St, 44th St, etc. Fast trains flying through our city every twenty minutes would create havoc, effectively cutting the city in half. Vero Beach would receive absolutely no benefit from these trains. There is no plan to create a stop anywhere near here. Rather, there would be constant traffic jams, noise, shaking and danger. Emergency vehicles could well be caught on the wrong side of the track in the traffic. Our property values would be devalued significantly. Our city, and the whole Treasure Coast would not be a place where tourists would want to come any more, thus being a huge detriment to the local economy.

Why haven't these issues been addressed by the Federal Railroad Administration's draft environmental impact statement?! Doesn't the Treasure Coast deserve any consideration of the obvious facts that these fast trains would cause? Will people have to die to make the Federal Railroad Administration wake up to the facts? Trains going up to 110 miles per hour don't belong in the middle of populated cities and towns. European trains operate underground or overhead at crossings. These multiple crossings would be terribly dangerous.

I understand there is a right of way along Florida's Tpke which goes right to Orlando without going through any heavily populated cities oor towns. It would be a direct route, much quicker and straighter. I know that AAF doesn't own that land but certainly there must be a way to build their tracks there.

Please reconsider what AAF wants to do. Their plan is ludicrous.

Patricia Tifft
341 Hawthorne Lane
Vero Beach FL 32962

From: Larry Gambon
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Very bad idea.
Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 2:58:03 PM

I can not think of a single good reason All Aboard Florida has for building this “passenger” rail system through our most populated Treasure Coast towns. The potential for ruinous consequences are completely glossed over by those who favor this fiasco. The rider estimates AAF makes are pure bunk. Amtrack already stops in Miami and Orlando and their ridership is a disaster. By what magic will AAF make this work?

The disruption to our access to healthcare, hospitals and emergency services will be disastrous and will cost lives. That alone should be cause enough to shut this idea down right now. When you add to that the potential huge business losses, parking spot losses and marine congestion, one would think the system is run by a bunch of blithering, blind, idiots. And should I mention the quality of life issues that will be destroyed by all of these trains constantly barreling through our towns at breakneck speeds?

We all know this is about freight. We all know this is as bad an idea as they get. And we all know this is about money. That is ALL this is about. The Environmental Impact Statement compiled by AAF is a complete joke. This is a very bad idea that is going to have never imagined consequences that will negatively effect our towns far in to the future.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Gambon
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From: Firefighters
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Very Concerned Citizen and Boater
Date: Friday, September 26, 2014 7:29:20 AM

As a long time Palm city resident and boater, I'm very concerned that This private venture is allowed to move passengers and additional freight traffic through these coastal communities without the government requirements to replace obsolete infrastructures such as the St Lucie trestle bridge. At a minimum, these bridges should be replaced to allow clearance for most vessels before the AAF can begin operations.

Everyone knows that AAF is not critical for the movement of tourist and will lose money and eventually fade away with our tax dollars as the freight business increases with the expansions of the ports and Panama canal.

Again, everyone loses except for big business…When will it stop????

Thomas Dent
Palm City Fl.

From: Tequesta Vet Clinic
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Very much NOT aboard
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 6:47:09 AM

To whom it may concern,

I live and work in Tequesta. I own a veterinary hospital about a block from the railroad. The railway is currently a frustration, and if the new freight rail service goes through it will definitely affect my business and livelihood.

I understand that the high speed train service is fast and the rail crossings won't be the 10 or 15 minute delays that the freight service sometimes causes. Nonetheless, most residents in tequesta understand that the rail expansion is about widening of the Panama Canal and increasing freight. We get stuck waiting for trains at present. The thought of multiple freight trains cutting us in half every day causes dread.

When my clients get stuck on the wrong side of the tracks they may be 10 to 20 minutes late for an appointment. This directly affects my business! It can create a huge bottle neck in my scheduling. The rails cut our town in half. Not only are you putting our emergency services (fire trucks, ambulances) at risk which can cost lives, you are affecting
Oval business.

I see NO BENEFIT to residents in Tequesta, Hobe Sound and the treasure coast. All Aboard Florida is asking a great deal of us to live with the consequences of a railway cutting us in half.

This railway should be moved west. Let is affect cows instead of local businesses! I'm sure most residents won't take the time to write, but make no doubt about it: ALL ABOARD FLORIDA IS NOT WANTED!!!

Let it stay south. If it benefits folks south of here I'm happy to let them have rail service. If they wish to go north to Orlando, let it go west of I-95.

Leave my tax dollars alone. Don't use them to cut my town in half.

Sincerely,
Joi Sutton, DVM

Sent from my iPad

From: Collette Ide
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Wake up Broward
Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014 5:58:44 AM

Wake up Broward County! All Aboard Florida is bad for you.

It is clear that All Aboard Florida, the proposed passenger rail service from Miami to Orlando, is simply an elaborate ruse to obtain funding to lay more train tracks and, (this is the key), to obtain approval to keep the New River bridge (and other bridges) closed for 40 minutes per hour for rail traffic, all under the guise of providing a useful and environmentally friendly transport service to and from Disney World.

The problem is, passenger rail traffic will not sustain AAF's business model. AAF has sued to keep their revenue projections and business plan from being disclosed under sunshine laws for a reason….it's a money loser. The numerous ridership and environmental impact studies published by paid consultants touting the benefits of AAF were contracted by AAF and its parent company FECI with one goal in mind…….. to create a vehicle that is acceptable to the populace through which FECI can eventually accommodate (and profit from) the dramatic increase in freight traffic expected to be generated from the Port of Miami/PANAMEX expansion on the lines shared with AAF.

http://www.progressiverailroading.com/intermodal/article/Florida-East-Coast-Railway-partners-with-two-south-Florida-ports-to-tap-more-import-container-traffic--28317

http://www.miamidade.gov/portmiami/press_releases/2014-10-17-sunshine-gateway.asp

The real genius of the AAF/FECI ruse is in the financing. The AAF/FECI plan is that the bonds to fund the project will be collateralized by AAF's "rights to run passenger service on the FEC rail right of way. With such weak collateral, the only way the bond issuance could possibly be approved, (with either public or private funding), is if there was a guaranteed buyer for the bonds.

This is where a bit of conjecture comes in… Since the bonds will only be sold to "institutional" investors, it is likely that Fortress Investment Group (or their proxies) will be the primary buyer of the notes (possibly within the various Fortress funds). Why Fortress? Well… because they own FECI. So if (when) AAF eventually defaults on the notes, FECI effectively gets the rights back through debtor in possession. Genius.

Of course by that time, AAF/FECI would have bought time to build out the additional tracks and complete the expanded rail cargo facilities at the Port of Miami. Meanwhile, the hapless Broward residents will have become inured to the inconvenience of increased delays in east/west travel (both cars and boats), the marine repair and recreational boating industries employing thousands along the New River will have been decimated, and FEC will be free to run as much freight through our towns as they want. All without a vote from the affected residents of

Broward.

The people of Broward County need to wake up and see that the light coming at them is attached to an FEC locomotive hauling vast amounts of cargo day and night through our community. AAF is a bait & switch and a bad deal for Broward residents. In the end, it will serve only to benefit the Port of Miami, FECI, Fortress and the anonymous companies pushing cargo through our community. Meanwhile, it devalues our property, degrades our lifestyles and will kill thousands of local jobs tied to the New River marine industries.

The politicians and bureaucrats are either all in bed with the big out of town money on this or are "useful idiots" unable to see through this scam. Mainstream media must also be in the tank...otherwise they would be asking some serious questions. Even the Coast Guard is caught up in the current on this one. The process of duping the populace is well along now. Kudos to Florida Not All Aboard and Save the New River Fort Lauderdale for the work they are doing. At this point, the only thing that can stop this ruse is if influential residents and businesspersons in this community get informed and organized quickly, demand transparency and accountability from their elected officials and stand up to these entities that do not have our best interest in mind. This is happening right now Broward. Wake up.

This was written by Tom Thomas. I agree with his assessment of this ill planned venture to disrupt the lifestyle of those of us who live, work and enjoy the quiet side of Fort Lauderdale. I believe that this private venture is not in our communities best interest. It will cost a lot of jobs in the local marine industry, for which the 'Venice of America' is known for.

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Sent from my iPad

From: Richard Samples
To: USCGD7DPBPUBLICCOMMENT@uscg.mil; AAF_Comments@vhb.com; Senator Bill Nelson
Subject: WATERWAY BRIDGES
Date: Sunday, October 5, 2014 4:32:11 PM

I want to be sure all the questions/concerns/objections regarding the waterway railroad bridges on the NEW RIVER,LOXAHATCHEE RIVER and the ST.LUCIE RIVER are amply reviewed by reputable CERTIFIED RAILROAD DESIGN ENGINEERING FIRMS and not only an in house schedule driven branch/department for a "date and time later in the year"

Richard V.Samples
Stuart Florida

From: Maryann
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: We are NOT for All Aboard Florida
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:42:14 PM

We are NOT for All Aboard Florida.
We live within 100 yards East of the Tracks. The Pollution, Dust, Noise, and Diesel Exhaust and shaking of our house will be intolerable with the passing trains.

We are active Sailboaters who transit the St Lucie River weekly through the railroad bridge. The limited opening will cause us much problems. Your video of passing through the bridge is grossly miss represented. It is not possible.

Living East of the railroad tracks. Getting to Route 1 will be difficult do to traffic delays, backing up at the crossings. Being a past school bus driver it will be difficult getting children to school on time. Also, it will delay ambulances causing delays in getting people to the hospital.

We are NOT for All Aboard Florida.

Robert & Maryann Luehman
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Stuart, FL 34997

From:	Herbert Winkelmeyer
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	we are residents of Vista Royale are are against all aboard florida it will lower our property values and increase noise and traffic we are a 55 an older community and do not need any more money spent on useless investments by wealthy people what will ...
Date:	Sunday, November 9, 2014 4:03:22 PM

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From:	charlesnichols111@comcast.net
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Cc:	AAAF-COMMENTS@VHB.COM
Subject:	WE DO NOT WANT IT FOR AALL THE SAME REASONS EVERYONE ELSE DOESN"T WANT. iF SO WE SHOULS HAVE ADEPOT IN THE tREASURE3 cOAST!!!!!!!!
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014 8:32:11 PM

From: Barbara Reitman
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: we here at frenchmens creek, have many concerns about the project.
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 8:08:02 AM

From: whaskookin@comcast.net
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: Why?
Date: Monday, September 22, 2014 8:16:18 AM

I love trains and rail service. But the plans for AAF as presented will not be a service to the average taxpayer, only another financial burden. We could use rail service from Port St Lucie, Stuart, Jensen Beach and Vero Beach to West Palm or Orlando, and you could probably make money by providing such stops. But since you have no plans to do so, I beg you to consider running these trains along the interior of our state. I realize the costs may seem prohibitive, as opposed to using existing lines/leases, but the infrastructure you're building your plans on is very old, in a state whose climate is punishing to man-made materials. Please do some more research and talk to think tanks before going ahead with this doomed to fail (or at the very lease, cost us and you MUCH more than you're figuring) project.

Thank you,
Beth Peterson
Port St Lucie, FL 34952

From:	Lori Dubay
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com; John.Winkle@dot.gov
Subject:	Written Comments AAF dEIS
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 11:50:20 PM
Attachments:	AAF - dEIS Written Comments.pdf

Attached please accept my written comments being sent at 11:40 pm

Please excuse any typos - I am a very busy person!

From: kimacoe@gmail.com on behalf of kim coe
To: AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject: yes to All Aboard Fl
Date: Monday, November 24, 2014 9:22:12 PM

I am a native Maimian who lives in Delray Beach since 1980. I95 doesn't work and we need to look forward to the future and back to the past foresight of our founder, Henry Flagler. We need to embrace his legacy and renew our love of the railroad here in FL. It has really never left us here on the east coast but it needs to be done 'right'! Please encourage our government officials to support this effort.

Thank you,
Kim

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From:	basketcases
To:	AAF_Comments@vhb.com
Subject:	Your trains pose a threat to the citizens of Florida
Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2014 2:37:24 PM

To All Aboard Florida,

We feel that your trains will pose a real danger to all the citizens of Florida who live or travel anywhere near its tracks. Not only will it be a traffic hazard resulting in many accidents, it will also prevent emergency vehicles from crossing the tracks expeditiously which will result in the loss of lives as well as property. We are both vehemently opposed to the whole idea.
Sincerely,
Bob and Marilyn Stevens
Vero Beach, FL